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REYNARD the FOX.

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Much Matter of Pleasure and Content.

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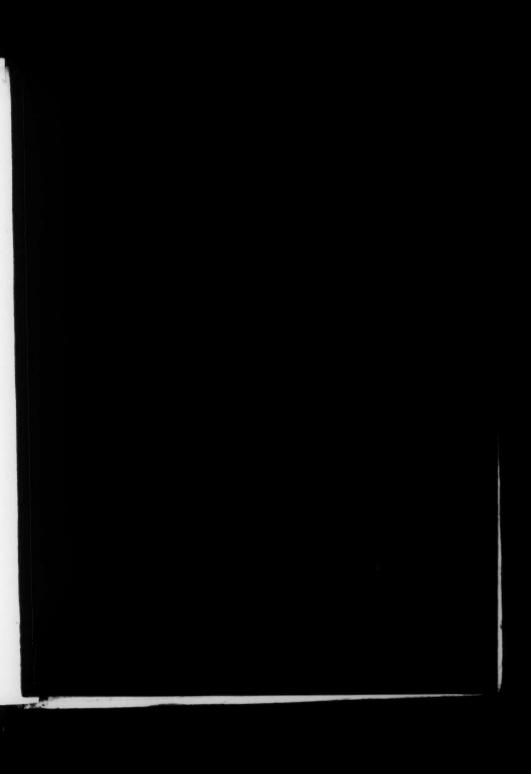
For the Delight of young Men, Pleasure of the Aged, and Profit of all.

To which is added many Excellent Morals.

Here read the Fox, his Nature, and his Art, Who in this Story alls the greatest Part.
Him here you find advanced highly, and In this his Grandeur for a time to stand; Till he aspiring further, Treachery Contrived, and did for his Treason die.

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Courteous Reader.

I is well known that publick Works necessarily undergo a publick Censure; and how diligently careful soever any Man is, who exposeth this or that to the view of all, he shall meet with praise or dispraise, more frequently according to the understanding or affection of the Censurer, than according to the worth or invalidity of what he presents. Therefore since I beg not the Patronage of any, nor would I by any Man be misunderstood, and so causlessly censured

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To the Reader.

as an impertinent Writer: I have to the subsequent Work (which I was minded to have committed to the Press without Marginal Notes) added a Moral, or Exposition of my own; in doing which, I hope no Man will be so disingenuous as to wrest my words to a sense contrary to my true and proper intent

I, in the following History, aim not at the reproach or slander of any Man or Men whatsoever; but do only desire thy Content and Recreation with delight and prosit. Fare-

well.

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REYNARD the FOX.

CHAP. I.

How the King and Reynard the Fox consulted together about chusing a chief Prelate in the place of Bellin the Ram, who (as you heard in the former Part) was convicted of the murder of Keymard the Hare (though fallly), and so put to Death; and how Isegrim the Wolf was made chief Prelate, &c. The Fox and he reconciled.

Dan after the For his Aictory against legrim the Anolf, he was not only bonoured by the Aing and all his Subjects with the Little of Lozd Reynard, but also

sito grew bery inward and familiar with the king bimfelf, informuch as none could be admitted to any private conference with his Paietty, unless he first made way by the

fabenrof the Lord Reynard.

This did not a little diffurb Sir Negrim the Walf, Sir Bruin the Bear, Sir Tibert the Cat, and many others who morrally bated Reynard. But his betight seemed to be far beyond and abobe their malice; which although be well knew, be differabled all he could; and lest adderse fortune should again eclipse his Greatness, and so expose him to the mercy of his Greatness, which he knew would be but little, be plotted and debised with himself, which way be



migbr win their fabour, and make themimoze fatt friends to bimfelf, than they had been Enemies. To accomplish this, his subtile wit could find out no vetter way than to endea.

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Indeahour their promotion as near as might be, with fafetp to his own Grandeur; for be was not ignozant, that if their abbancement fould come by bis means, all malice and inhererate barred toould be turned into lobe 4 and he dimfelf bould be molt firmly ribeted in his Greatness and Poncur. Abere foze be maire o on the Bing with all oiltgence, but conceals bis intent for come time, until once en a day, the Bing being disposed to bunt, commanded the Lozd Reynard to attend bim; who bery readily obeying. bunted with the Bing until dinner-time; but when the Bing bad dined, Reyuzad alfo after bim: Abe Bing (in a melancholp poffure) firing on a green Bank, beld down bis bead, but fpake not at all; Reynard, feeing the Bing fit thus bentded, Sooft dread Boberaign, boto is it that pour Pajefip, tobo eben noto was chearful and in bealth, bining as beartily as any Prince in Chriftendom, is become fo fad and difconfelate findenty ? Db, faio the Ming, mp trufty friend Reynard, when I confider the State of my Kealm, bom discomposed it is, bow great the batred and malice of my Subjects is one against another, especiaffp of my Lords against you, whom I lobe to dearly, and fee not which was to gratifie them, without displeating Every subuit Pon. I cannot chufe but be foromful and dejetted. To Polititian this, the fer replies (being glad at bis beart that oppor- makes not an tunity was offered to effect his befoze intended delign), occasion for Mott migber Prince, 3 am pour Wastal, therefore let not the accompliyour spajetty tick to displease and ruin me, so that thing hisends. thereby pour peace and content may be procured. Dere-but waits till at the ming, looking formetobat moze chearfully, fato; occasion be Tabp Reynard, doft thou in earneft lobe me fo toeff, as to offered; as is be content to be ruined for my adbantage ! Pea, me here feen by Lozd, fait Reynard, I would buillingip lap down mp life, the Fox, who if pour Bajefry think it will be pour intereft. 159 would not thele woods the For bad le pollelled the Ring with a firm discover his conceit of his Logalty, as be thought it better to let bis intent, till he discontented Robles expiate their malibe by length of fiew a fic optime, than to arrempt the putting an end thereto, to the portunicy prejudice of so faithful afriend; nebertheless, knowing the present of beep pelicy of his friend Reynard , faid to bim in this prefent it felf. manner 5

manner: Lord Reynard, I pray thee tell me, confi not thou debite some way to gratifie these discontented Robles wirbout the oton tniure, ex mp premoire? To this the For antwers (bawing bis Body bery low), Winber Sir. undoubredly the marter poir Wajefty Cpeaks of, may be to effected, as to bring no inconbenience on me, not any difcommodity to your felf, but a benefit rather, and a continual peace, content, and fatisfaction to all pour mon loyal Subjects. At this, the King affirming vis wonted chearfulness again, asked, which was can sou being this to pass, so as all parties may be pleased, and I mp felf, noz Pou mp friend, incur aup blemit. fince they have been to degraded, and flighted by us and rou, as now we cannot well repair their loss of bonsur and credit with us and our Subjects; for whom the Brince difregards, the Commons will not efteem! It is true Dir, replied the for, but the war I thrend to take, hail gibe a restimony of pour Pajesties Kopal Lobe, Pabeur and Goodnets, to all pour Subjetts in demeral, in winking at, and not taking netice of the errers and flips of fome of the chief, and always of pour Pajeny's ancient Poblity; for fo doing you will eterthe four Rame to policity; and I also, when dead and come. Wall be commended as a Loyal Subject, forgerring anger and rebenge of those, by tobom I babe been to graffy abused. To this the King fato, if your toffocm judges the matter featible and beneurable alfo. propound tobat is to be done, and I will proceed by Pour adbire. Whorthy Sir, Tato the For, it is not immonoton to you, that fince the beath of Bellio pour Chaplain. there barb been none to officiate in the Pitetts office. because in him his whole family was erting by a Law, which confidered all bis Generation to be a prep to the Usear and the Buelf for ther. And amena aff pour somielly's Subjects, there is not any one more learned. or more fit (roough be bath been my mortal for, which 3 freely forgibe), then is der Hegrin the wolf; for tomp mistoledg be bath been a Sirdent in feberal Universittes, and in law-peacifies is not a little skilled; befides be bath

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thre in the Chair of Photica alfe ; tobich will berg meat bengur and profit alfo to bim. if rour Daiett totil be pleased to add the title of Mozo chief Prelate, and to admit no Priefts under bim , but tobet are of bis Semtip. To this the Bing replies, flap Reynard, bow thatl this be. fince Str Heggin is to generally feared and haved of the Commens, that inficad of coming to bear bim, they will all run away with might and main. It is bery well thought on, Wighty Sir, said the For; but for this toe habe a remedp; fo foon as be is chofen chief Pzelate, be muft put on Bellin's furred Gaton, which be used always to mear; then the Commons will be no moze afraid of bim. Da. Reynard, faid the Bing, bere is a fin in pour politichs, it were better that be fould put on Bellin's furr Gamm befoze be tschofen. Certes, quotb the for, Princes babe grearer fozecaft than their Subjetts. Det I doubt. if anp one defire bim to put it on first, be will take it as a mockery, unless be be affured of the place and bonour intended bim. That be hall be, faid the Bing, for 3 will Cend for him while pon are prefent, and I will endeabour a reconci tation between bun and pou, and then propose the matter to bim. Sigbry Sir, fato the for, if pour pacpole not the matter firft, as being my Mequelt to pour Spajetty on his behalf, all endeabour of reconciliation will be fruitless; for be will be fure to rebile me, and that in fuch wife, as I fear will further probake pour Bareftes displeasure against him, and so the withed evo nor be ancmered. Go to then, falo the Bing, 3 will Cend for bim, Str Bruin, and all the Robles; and then in a full Council toe will confult about the matter, in which Council pour thall fpeak for me and pour felf, as you wall judg med conbenient : fez in this meeting of Bables only (without the Commons), Sir Ilegrim needs not be fpake to abour Bellin's Woom, but map rake bis place among us with his own Garments be wont to wear. At this che ffer ma. king bumble obepfance to the Bing , faid, Digber Pzince, pour acatedom far erceeds our conceibings, that are of the bulgar fort. Aberefore, we all bould acknowledg that pau are not fet ober us foz nouget, but to guide and in-The control of the co

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Treacherous form, as well as to rule and gobern; with many mere Subjects flat- Queb flattering speeches be courts the Bing for the accom-ter Princes plishing his own subtil ends, as you hall bear anon. The nert dap the Bing fent! Str Firapel the Libard to fummen all the Bobles to meet at his Moyal Palace early in the morning fellewing. According to this Summens thep



came. Sow when they were come to the place appointed for that meeting, the bing and hir Reyard came both to-

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gether among them : for they were rogether almod all the. night befege. Fire cf all the Bing in friendir manner falutes Sir llegrim the Welf, and Sir Bruin the Bear, telling them be wondred thep were fuch ftrangers, and frould bate been glad to babe feen them ere that time. Abig fabeurable and lebing entertainment from the Bing. ratied up in them a freth remembrance of their griebances, hoping noto they had a fe afonable opportunity to make their complaints, and find redgels acceptingip. But when the ming perceibed their incention, tobich could not but be Buemn by those to often fpightful fromns upon Sir Reynard ral from them both, which the Bing himself had cheerbed : be begins thus: Lobing friends, the intent of this days meeting is not to betermine differences between party and party, not is it to redrefs pribate griebances; therefore of them I would babe no mention made at this time; but meze weighty matter to noto in band, which concerns us all, and this is the buffnels of Meligion, touching which me babe all been too remifs. Withen the Bear and Wolf heard this, they bowed themselbes and sare down. Do when all were fate, the Bing Cake to Sir Reynard, calling bim Coufty, and fato, Coufin Reynard, cur pleafure ts, that you declare to the Allembly our full intention con-ceruing the lineire Reynard, bowing bery low to the ming fite afterward to the Affembly, began to fpeak thus.

Morthy Lozds, and Subjects of the most putstant King of Beatts, be it known unto pou, that our Highty Pzince, here present, did sor seberal good Causes (as especially sor Hurter by himself consisted) deprive Bellin the Mam both of Life and Dignity, consistating bis whele Family to be aprey to Sir Bruin the noble Bear, and Sir Isegrim the learned Wolf, and this consistation of body and goods to continue from generation to generation, and to descend to the samilies and Lineages of the said Sir Bruin, and Sir Isegrim sor ever, and longer if possible. By means of this, we (with grief be it speken), are wholly destinue of a Briefl, cr any to officiate in Bellin's office, and

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are like to continue to, if some speedy care be not taben. Therefore the Bigh and Digbty Bing of Beatls, our Lord and Master, having Princely care and affection

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towards all bis Subjects in general, and to pou bis sables in a special manner, bath thought good to call this Affembly at this time, and with your addice, and confent, to make choice of fome one, that hall be judged mod fit for the Priefts Difice; and when you bere babe chofen the Perfon, bis Spajefty will prefent bim to be ap. probed by a general Allembly of the Commons, tohom be will fummon together bery fpeedily foz that purpofe. Babing fooken this, be fate doton. Then the Bing fato; Rapprebing of all my Coulin Reynard bath faid, do beartiip with that out of you may be chosen an able and fit perfont, rather than from among the Commons; for thould one of the common fort be adbanced to flich a high dignity ; it is bery questionable, whether be would know bow to demean bimfelf. &c. therefore I would babe pour o proceed to pour choice of one from among tour felbes. this, for a little space the whole company were filent, and fate locking one upon another, per not without mufing. and imagining on whom this to noble office would fall; each wishing be might be the person; the Wolf and Bear especially supposed they might babe the office, the Bear because the Lozd Reynard (bobom be bared) bad stiled bim The hopes Bible ; the amolf, because be was termed Learned, un- of honour daubtedly believed be fould be chosen: so the weath and and profit choler of both was fomewhat abated, and Dir Bruin firft pacifieth the freed up and fato: Wolf mighty bing, we pour Loyal Sub- minds of majeds cannot but acknowleds gour majettes undoubted licious percare and seal for the well being of all pouleige people, fons ; efpecitherefore muft meeds greatly approbe of your bigt and no ally where ble intention, to amply and plainly delibered by the nor their adble Leze Reynard. Rett fpate Str Firrapel the Libard, and vancement is faid the Office intended to be conferred this day is Rable, procured by and the person fit for the management thereof thould fuch as they be boneft, wife, and also learned; therefore I hope it mortally hawill be conferred on fuch a one, and on no other. For red. mp part I know my own incapacity, therefore do not in the leaft defire it; but were I fit foz it, I would chuse it abobe all dignities in the world. Leben the Bing faid to Sir Ilegrim, bow is it Sir Ilegrim, that pou are fo filent ?

Ithent? I am insomed by my Coulin Reynard, that you are a great Scholar, bery wise and learned in Law. Dibinity, and Popsick, therefore I boped you would babe prefered to take on you this great charge, which I, my Coulin Reynard, and all my Adles (Isippose) will freely center on you, and on my other. And the Edds, greedy enough of bonour, perceibing, that by the Lord Reynard's means he was likely to be greatly bonoured, stood up, and after obeysance made, thus soake:

By the Wolfhere is denoted greedy and unfatiabla men.

Wolf puiffant Bing, the caufe of mp filence was not because I was un offling to undergo any charge or trou. ble for the good of pour spajetty and tobale Bingdom, but because I was assamed of the discord that bad been between mp Lord Reynard, mp felt, and fome other of Pour Loyal Subjects, about matters not wearby to be mentioned in to noble an Auditozp; for that cause only was I filent. The, fato the Bing, remit and forgibe all that bath paffed between mp Lozd Reynard, Sir Bruin. Pour felf, cz aup other, and will babe no moze mention made thereof. Sop Lord Reynard bath bigbly commended pour to me, which furely no enemy would be. De bath alfo praifed Sir Bruin fo, as I will dor forget to bottour bim alfo. And for Sir Tibert, because be is ftoifr of foor . and fit for implopment, also politics and subtil. 3 (as foon as epportunity ferbes) will think of some office wherein he may benefit bimfelf, and pleafe me.

Which these wozos they were all highly concented: the Wolf gabe his band to the Fox in token of stiendship; the Wear and Car also shook band with the Fox. After these Ceremonies were passed, they all sare down. And by a General Wate, Sir Regrim was chose thies Pre-

lare.

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CHAP. II.

How the Fox advised the Wolf and his Children to wear Bellin's Gown, and the cloathing of Bellin's kindred.

DE for and wolf being thus reconciled, beld a countel togerber bow thep might frengthen each other in the power ther bad thus obtained. The for begun bis difcourfe in this manner : 99 moft dear Uncle, I remembering the wearing I did you moze than once, and now by the Bings fabour babing an opportunity to recompence peu, and my Ceufin Bruin, but pou efpecially, I think I babe done it to purpofe. Pou babe indeed, goed Coufin, replied the Walf, and I a mine hall always acknow. ledg our felbes beholding to peu. not only for the time prefent, but eber after during iffe. But bato I fail pals the centure of the Commons I cannot tell. Tuth, faid the fer, let me alone for that do bur follow mp abbice, and all hall be well: pour adbice Coufin faid the Molf, that I will as long as I babe breath. Well then, quoth the for, do thus ; firft of all, trim pour felf bandfoinip, then rake Bellin's furr Boton, and make it as fit to pour bedy as is possible, that bead, ears, and all may be cobered; Covetous babing doue this, those Beasts which befoze bated and fled persons are from you, will now follow, lobe and adoze you, especially easily perti peu under that garment conceal pour own churlit na- fwaded to ture; pardon me Uncle, that Ifpeak fe. Good Coufin, difguife Coto Dir liegrim, think not that I will take effence, where themselves, I am to take advice. Well then, if it be fo, faid the For, and to difwill proceed furtter ; I befeech pou good Uncle, as pou femble their lobe pour felf and me, thew not pour teeth ar any time, femble their when you are among the Commons in the day time, in the churlish nanight ufe pour liberty, Probiffen auch be bad. Pout fpeah tures, for etwifely fatth the addit, I could neber babe thought of all feeting hothis; but good Coufin tell me what I thall do, when I nour and come to lay maffe, the bearfnets of my boice will betozap profit. me. D good Cincle, fato the For, are pou fo weat as net



to find an excuse sog that? tell them, to !whom you are to read, that you have gotten a griebous cold. I, but Cou-an, said the Wools, that excuse will ferbe but once. Ab Uncle.

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micle, faid Reynard, if pou mean to theibr in pour office. pou muft nor flich to le apace. Befides von being chief. need not appear abobe once a year, pour chilozen, and the poungeft of pour kindeed babe not to hearfe a boice as pou; when they groto clo, they muft read but feldem, but note being roung they will fland you in good flead, if they be gradlo cloarbed with the Gowns of Bellin's kindged ; athertoffe Uncle all is nothing worth: and be fure to gibe them the fame addice I now gibe pou, that is, not to flew their teeth in the dap time, &c. Indeed Wincle, I wonder pen fould think the excuse of faring pour babe a colo, will not hold mater; de pou not well know, that the Ram's hinder babe colds often, and cough much. It is true good Confin, faid the Wolf, I well remember it, foz when I went to bunt for any of them in the night, Julially was directed to the place where they were by their coughing. Taleff then fait Reynard, I bope Uncle pau oton my Counfel as right and good. Pes with all my beart Coufin, faid le-grim: but now I think of it, you fpeak of my Childgen and Bindred; I perceibe not as pet that any thing was said of them by the Bing and Lords at this last counsel. Mucle. fato Reynard, pou feem to be berp fcrupulous, and to doubt where there is no cause; know you not that ebery Captatin purs tobo be will in place under bim, and toby not ebery chtef Pzelate ! Blame me not good Coufin, fato liegrim, for I fear the Commons, fo foon as they bear my name, will all cry out, At Ilegrim, not Hogrim. Wiel Umcle, faid the for, if that be pour suspitton we will feek some way to aboto tobat you met fear. Imp felf wiff haften to the bing, and aquaint bim what bath patted between us, as also with this most matertal cause of fear : and when I babe communed with bim for fome time, I will requeft him to fend for Poul. then do pou be fire to come (with Bellin's Bamu eractip firted to your Body) into the Bings Prefence, and doubt not but the fuccels wall answer pour defire. In the mean while, let us both go bome to our Kepafts, and earlp in the Boaning I purpofe to go to the Bing; do pen mair in readinels at beme, till pou are fent for. So the Fit

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Fer returned to bis Caffle, and the Wolf to bis combonic.

CHAP. III.

How the Fox communed with the King, touching Sir Ifegrim's doubt, and thereupon Sit Ifegrim was tent for to Court, and created Earl of Pitwood.

Farly tu the magning the For came to Court, and being Ciorenip admitted, aiter obeplance made, be laid, Wall mp Soberaign Lord. The Bing feeing bim, looked plea. fantly upon bim, and faid, what are you and your Uncle good Friends? Des, faid the For, I bumbly thank pour Dijette, all maite and ranco; to late alide; and all the evening latt, I was infruding bim bow be fanid bebabe bimielt in this bigb Difice pour Majefig baty conterred upon bim. Pou did weil Reynard, faid the Bing, but did rou mind bim of wearing Bellin's fur Gown? Pes neble Sir, faid the For, and be to fo far refolbed of it, that I judgere this be barb ficte the Gown to bis con boor. It fo, faith the Bing, it is well; then there is no doubt but be will be well theo of. I babe giben commandmour already that the beads of all the families of the Com: mons be firmmoned to appear here, after the third day now nert coming. Therefore I would babe Dir liegrim be ready at the time appointed. Then the For faid, ready he will be to be fure; and if he obserbe all that I addited bim to, will undoubtedly gain the Commons too ve en bis lide. Bebertbelels there is one thing which troubles bim, and makes me sufficious also, and that is led when pour Bajetty fall prefent bim by the name of Sir liegrim, which name all the Commons know, they timinediately (nor intriding bis Garinent of Perfoit) crp our, 12. liegrim, no Ilegrim. 'Ats true Reynard, fato the Bing, this is a confiderable matter, and I with I could remeop the fame. Sir, faid the For, pou map bery well; for it your Baselly be pleased to boneur bim wird the title

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of Count, it matters not of holo mean a place, be fiell bare the name of that place, and not its own name and longer. Weil then faid the lams, 3 vid do fo ; bere is a Whood, nor far fram this place, mar bis and buie, and it is called Picwood, that Wind I will fertle upon bim and lits beirs for eber, and be fall be created Carl of Picwood. Therefore fend for bim immediately to come before us. I hen Reynard Reppe d forth, calle d to Sir Tibert, who wait. ed in the Court, and commanded him to go prefently, and being Sir legrim to the Bings prefence , Sir Tibert rait fpeedtly to the Dinie, and when be tad entred the Dinie and fam Sir Ifegrim, be snew bin not, until be bad moze firialp obserbed bis countenance and bisage, then be knew bim, and faid ; Certes, I knew pou not Sir in ibis new talbioned Boton; the Bing bath fent to foeak with pau prefentir. Do away went the Walf and Tibert the Cat to the Court. Wiben they came ibere , Reynard the ffet came forth, and conducted bis Check into the Bings per: fence, and faid ; bere moft mole Prince is pour larely made chief Poglate, is be not berp trim and near? Des, Coufin Reynard, fato the King, I like bim paffing well; but had ben not teld me how be was ozeffed, I Bould Carcely base anoton bim; fure bis beard is Cabed. ozeile be ferms pounger than we fam bim iaft. Diabry Sir. faid the for, 3 abbited bim to trim bimfelf thus, moning it moft conbentent ; belides I babe giben bim ctber particular Infirutions, which I bope be will obserbe. A ben the Bing turning to Dir Ifegrim, faid, affuredip Dir liegrim pou babe found our Coufen Reynard to be pour moit fairbful friend, not only by adbifting you what to do, but also informing us, bow to affire and confirm that benaur on pou, which we and our Lords have befrowed . fo freely on your felf and on no other; and that te, by confercing a further title of boneur; that to your name (fo dreadiul to the Commons), map be laid affee, and lour other Titie (being unknown to them), find acceptance and applause with them all. The wolf bearing this, bowed to low, as his mouth touched the ground, ben raising bimself a little, be began to speak in ibis man-: 13E

Baff puiffant Bing, bow infinitely am I obliged to Pour Saieffr. and to the noble Lord Reynard bere prefent; and that in atime, when I leaft of all expected any fabour from your feif, and lefs from bin (wbom I bared, therefore I bere befoze pour Majeffp beg bis pardon). of tobofe lovalip peur Baieft bath und ubredir bad fut. ficient tellimony, utherwife pour Patricely wildom could not have embraced me, for which I here again bumbly beg peur Bajefties pardon. Sir Ifegrim, Sir, Ifegrim, pour are already pardoned, faid the Bing, therefere rife up (faz Sir Megrim bad proffrated binifelf on the ground), and bearken to what I hall further lap. I babe not only pardoned pour already, but I de noto alfo, belides the honour of chief Prelate, confer on pour the Carloom of Picwood , which Talood Pou undoubtedly know , for it lies near pour Mansion Douse; that amound I gibe to poupour beirs and fucceffors for eber; and after the name of that amond, to thail you be called eber after, and your old name Isegrim half be no more mentioned, but pour title thall run thus: Count of Picwood, Lord Paramount. and for brebity fake, you thall be called, Lord Pirwood. Emben the Bing bad ended bis fpeech . Hegrim (almost ready to leap out of bis skin for 10p) bueto not what to far. but bowing bimfelf with great reberence to the king and the For, faid, be in all bumility acknowledged the Bings immente bounty toward bim, and the fores great lobe be mould neber for get : bendes be added, that in the erercife of bis Function, be would hudy nothing to much as the Rings intered; and that of his own profit be would be alalmans leak minoful, with many other fuch like proteffa. tions; pet in all these be lped egregieus, as you shall bear anon.

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CHAP. IV.

How the Bear and the Cat offended at the great Honours of Sir Isegrim, conspired his death; and how the Fox pacified them till the great Assembly of the Commons was over.

17 Den the rumour of the Woll's great Preferments was foread among the Bobles, Sir Bruin the Bear. and Sir Tibert the Cat bearing thereof, Comacked the matter not a little. And therefore reasoned among themfelbes thus; Dow much is this Caitiff, the greateff murtherer of all Beacs, advanced to Donour above us! if me feffer bim to abide in this beight, we muft necestarily be his Waffals : belides, bow great foeber our griebances be. the can neber find redzels, because the for his great friend is the Bings only Fabourite; for that every war me are like to luffer, not only by bimfelf, but also by the for. tobo is note fo much bis Intimate, as be can cruft us at pleasure; and when we would complain. the for perhaps will take our Peritten, but the Bing shall neber see it. Dabing thus reasoned, they sate stient for some time, until at length the Car, with a courage undaunted, thus fpake. Roble Str Bruin, pou are mighty, and Jam crafty; it is not to be doubted, but if pou and I agree together, we map acquir our felbes of this burden. Well faid. Coufin Tibere, quoth the Bear; if pou can propose the wap, I will endeabour to follow your proposal. Tuby, Sir, said the Cat. ite map I would habe pou take, to this, go unto pir Megrim, and congratulate his happy adbancement, expreffing as great joy and affection as is possible, then inbite bim to pour Cattle todinner, and when be bath dined (fez I know be will ear to long, as until be is scarce able to fitr) inbite bim to mais (reffing bim it is for bis bealth) our into the Fores, where when you have bim in a conbentent place, fall up it bim and tare bim to pieces. Db, Sir Tibert. fato the Mear, I am afrato to fet upon bim alone, foz be is debillif fierce, and fog all that I know map kill me.

Evil men once advanced, are mortheir friends because they also see no hopes of tharing with them in honor and profit; but if once bability of their own advancement. they flatter. and bafely crouch to fore would have killed.

Bood Bucle, fato the Cat. fear bim nat, 3 will fallalu clofe after pou. and when pan babe gor bim doten, 3 will tare out bis throat. T'le warrant peu. Well then, faid the Bear, if pou will be as good as pour wezd, folleto me. I will go to Sir legrim prefently. D'thep both tafted. and Bot to the Wolfs boufe in a fort fpace. When they were thitber come, thep found the Lozd Reynard and Sir Ifegrim tally hated of together ; for thep were difcourfing about feberal weightp matters. The for obserbing the countenance of theie ring Que le to be filed with hatred, howfceber they cobered the fame wirb a diffembled cheerfulneis ; began to fpeak to them in this manner : Dable Friends, bad I nor been engaged bere with mp Lozd Pitwood (for fo bis Baiefty mill babe bim called eber after) I badere this time lent foz pou to acquaint pou with his Majeties rayal intention concerning pou both; for fo foon as this great Conbention is ober. which now will be (as you bery well know) the nert day afthey fee apro- ter to morroto, our putfant Bing ropally intends to bonour peu Sir Bruin with the Carloom of the Fozefts, an bonour which the greatest of Subjects musts need hold himself well contented with. And for pour Sir Tibert, he intends to make you steward of bis house; and if that like you not, be purposeth to command the Barl of Pitwood, here present, to admit peu foz bis principal Secretary, a place of unipeak. those whom able profit undoubtedly. Taben the Bear and the Cat beard they just be. such mountains of Poneur and Profit were like to fall in their Laps, and that fo fudsenly; their countenances and intentions were quite altered, and thep wirb ail due reber. as appears by ence faluted and in noured the Lego Pirwood, calling him this Chapter, the bondurable Logo chief Deelate ; and for the Logo Rey. nard, they told his Lozostip they hould never be acte fut. ficiently to trumpet out bis Praises, who had so tight promored bis Chemies in an ertraodinary manner. After this they took their leabes, and departed far moze occurd than thep came.

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CHAP. V.

Of the Affembly of the Commons, and what paffed there.

The Bear and Cat being thus pacified, as peu babe beard, by the bopes of great preferment, nothing could let the intentions of Reynard the for, in adbancing bis Uncle Megrim, lately fitled Carl of Pitwood; therefore benoto fully affured of accomplifying bis end, and of the further adbancement of bis own Grandeur, refted weil contented till the morning appeared, which ufbered in the day on which the Beneral Affembly was to be beto. Aben ear. ty before the Sun was fully rifen, be baftens to Court, not forgetting to call upon bis Uncle to be ready to come with his Lineage befoze the Bing and Robles; but his Thicle toas ready ere be could come to bis Daufe, pet all bis Lineage (according to Reynards addice were nor together ; therefoze the for laid. Dearent Uncle. I am glad to fee poul and pours in to good forwardness, I bope we shall fee pour whole Family regerber by and up. I will go first to Court, do pou come after as foon as pou can. So Reynard delayed not, but went immediately to the Court, and faluted the Bing in thefe woods, Woft Puiffant, mon Berotch, and moft mighte Beince, I pour Chaffal, and moft logal Subject, thought my felf abobe all others moft obliged to falute your Bajelly first in the morning of so bappy and glozious a dap, as this is like to be. Well Reynard, fato the Bing, pou are not come befoze pou are well come. Dow is it pou brought not pour Uncle and bis famile, according as you teld me you would? Dop Lord, faid the for, mp Uncle is ready, but all his Linage were not come together 5 neberthelefs, I am affured they will wait upon pour Digb. nefe prefently. Tabtift be was fpeating this, Sir Tibert the Cat called to the For, and faid, Sop Lord, bere is the Lozd Piewood come with a great Train of fuch Gallants as Ineber in ail mg life fam the like. So the For flepping forth, took bis Uncle by the band, and led bim inte the



Presence-Chamber; and when he had, by the Kings erder, placed him in a seat of State made for the purpose, be called in all his Lineage, who as they came in one by one made reserved oberfance to the King, and stord round about their Father's Seat. Then the King said, my Lezd Pirwood, you are welcome, I am glad to see you so decently, and

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all pours bere to eradly fitted with thefe Bowns ef B.llin and his kindzed; affiredly pour are greatly obliged to que Coufin Reynard for bis fo wirty inbention. It is fe, mightp Sir, faid the Wolf (flanding t.p., and bewing his Dead berp low and my whole Family bere prefent do acknowle da bis great fabour, and nest unto the continual rielding of our Domage and Fealty to your Kapal Bajefty meft due, we that eber own bim as our principal Patron, the Dieferber of our Bandur and goed Lime, among pour Bajeftes Dubjeds in general. By this time Sir Bruin the Bear, and all the other Robles were come. All of them applauded the Babir and Geftures of the Wolf and bis Lineage. And indeed they looked to demure, that the Disguises and Bing and all his Robles (except the for only) were al. pretences of most throughly personaded they had put ou Bellin's Lature fanctity do with bis Garment. Sorbey being all bigbly contented, often deceive. after a hort Banquet, went forth to the Commons, who were gathered together in great multitudes in a large Deadow nigh unto the Palace. Dow among that buge concourfe were feberal of Bellin's Istnozed incognito, and bery many of bis Friends, pet they durd not be known to be fuch, fog fear of danger. Do fooner dio the Com. mons fee the Bing and bis 12 bles walking rowards them . but they all housed, and cryed our aloud, All batt our noble Bing. An happp prefage, noble Sir, fato the For The common to the Bing. But when the Lord Pitwood and his Hit neage came fozwaid, clothed all in the Barments of Bel lin and bis Bindred, thep were all amaged, feme faid ched with no. (pointing to the Logo Pitwood) that was Bellin's Sin, fee velties, and Pou not what a comely proper perfon be is? Drbers faid look more on nap furely it cannot be fo, but me rather judg it fome Dut- the Habit and landifb Beaft, coming as an Embaffadog to our bing ; fog Geftures, than look pou, faid they, bow many Attendants be bath, all into the naclothed in the fame Libery be bimfelt wears. But the ture and confriends of Bellin fato one to another, toe toith it be not lied dition of fuch grim the Total and his Merinue, all grand Enemies to our as are recomfriend Bellin and bis pofferirp. Rebertbeiefs, Bellin's bin- mended to died were all filent, for they knew him well enough, but them. durft not fay so much. Row as soon as the king himself,

people generally are affe-

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Reynard the For , Pie wood the Wille, and his Betinne. were afcended a Scaffold purpefelp made, the place could contain no moze, therefaze all the Mables rock their places as near the Scaffold as politicle; only Sir Brain the Bear, aud Sir Firrapel the Libbard were for that day Marhals of the Pield, and to had no certain place ; also Grimbard the Binck mas made Crier of the Court, and that he might the better be beard (bis boice being not bery good) was thrust up, upon the Scatfold, though there he floed in little eafe. This all things being ordered, as well as was politible among to many Beatts; the King gabe a fign for filence, by lapting his band upon bis mouth; then the 132och (according as be had been befeze infiruded) by three O yes's, commanded filence upen pain of imprifonment. Silence being made, the King rose up, and bom. ing his bead a little, began to speak thus. He friends and subjects, I called you together this cap about an erceeding weighte matter. It is not unknown to many of you, that we remobed and displaced, and for a known and norozione Burder, pur to death our late Chaplain Bellin the Kam, and condemned bis poffertty for eber. Since which time I babe not only been without a Chaplain, but pou alto have been destitute of Aeachers, because all my Chaplain's kindzed were also displaced and condemned for his ennamous Crime. Therefore to remedy this Griebance, me with the addice and consent of our Lords bere prefent, babe made choice of a bery worthy and highly tearned perfon note franding next our own person, of whose integrity and worth we babe bad lufficient and berp ample Experience. Abis person with bis whole Lineage we recommend to you to be Priefts for pour and all our leige People throughout our Daminions. Pabing said this, be sate bim down.

Then Reynard the For rose up, and after be kad with a great shew of courtesie bowed bimself to the Assembly; he began to speak thus, Wazethy Sirs, his Majeap, our Royal King, taking care of the well being of all his subjects in general, could not without grief think of the sad deplerable state you all have been lest in since the Dearh

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Death (Db it griebes me tofpeakit!) of Bellin, and * The true Downfall of bis Bofferity ; therefoze be in bis Princely Emblem of wifoom (for Princes certainly are far wifer than their Sub an Hypocrite. terts) bath (bought of a most excellent erpedient to prebent the enormities pour were too-too apt to run into. for want of Teachers and Butdes to direct pau berter : Therefore he addited with this incomparably learned Lord Picwood, requesting as far as befeemeth the Baleft of a king to request bim, for the good of himself and all bis liege people, to improbe his great Learning to the general good of us all. Abis Doble Lozd, was fo far from ercufing bimfelf. and aboiding, or hunning this burthenfome effice, as he readily a cheerfully accepts of the fame, and not only to, but also promifert to engage all bis Lineage (little less learned than bimfelf) in the fame Diffices and Employ. ments. Tie the Lords, being then all prefent and fetting in Councel by bis MajeRtes command, feeing bis great readiness and alacrity, and also knowing bow conducent it mould be to the well being of all, could not coule but (bp our joint confent) bote bim to be the Lozd chief Prelate the unbout all bis Dajeftes Dominions. Abus was benot wisbout mature deliberation, chosen by us, and the choice confirmed by the Bing bimfelf.

Befoze be bad ended thefe toogds, there was beard a rumoz among the multitude, tobich at length greto louder and louder. Then the for feared fome one og other bad deferted Miftakes in a the faile mask be (with bis greaten cunning) had put multitude, do upon the bufinets. But, after flence was commanded, it fomerimes probed not altagether fo. For among those who stood fur- give opportheft from the scaffold, there were fome who asked, what tunity to the Lord that was then fpake? which question made the great- Judicious of eft part of the Bp-ftanders to langh, Suppoling it not poli making their fible for any of the Company nor to know the for. Abis minds known. notice being beard among them'by others that Rood fariber off, made them also to ask one another, what the notice meaned; they that flood nearest the Scaffold mere most of them Bellin's friends, tobo bad placed themfelbes there, on purpole the better to descry the Lozd Pitwood's person (as

and fmooth guile.

Subcil Polici- he was called) whom they plainly knew to be Ilegrim the cians when- Talif, therefrze prefentiv, being asked by the Crier what focver they the notie meant? thep faid, the Camano bebing deffred fear a difco- to know, of what Country the Logo Pitwood was, fome of very of their them supposing, others affirming they had neber feen bim falle Paints befoge, and therefoge were not willing to babe a granger and Difquites, impoled upon them. The for hearing this, again bomed immediately bimfelf to the Company, and faid: Lobing Friends, and betake them. fellow Subjeds, I marbel not, that it is fuppofed by fome. felves to lying and beliebed by others, that this bonaurab'e Laid Pitwood bere prefent, is a ftranger og fegeigner ; because be indeed words full of all bis life-time, with his whole Family and Lineage, hard tived a life to obscure and fecret, as never old aup soinh in a Clapfter libe moze rettred; bestdes be is so boly and debout, as the like of bim is not to be found in the inhole Edlazio: Bazenber be is to filent, and of fo fem toczos, fo bumble, gentle, affable and hind, as I know not whether any mortal wight libing may be compared unto bim. And that is the reason be is so little known; for had be discobered bimself before the Bing by bis Prince. ip antioom took notice of bim, undoubtedly none of you tould in the leaft babe fufpected bim to be a ftranger. But this pour fuspition bad indeed ground enough, there. fore bis sparetty is not in the leaft offended with pour but readily affent wills that pou gibe pour Approbation by bolding up pour to what they right Bands.

The most ignorant most understand not.

Then the greatest part of the Affembly beld up their right Bands, and many that fcarce beard what was lato, beld up both. After this, Pitwood the Wolff and bis Lineage bewed themfelbes to the Company, but fpake not a woze, leaft their Teeth Sould be waben this was done, the Bing willed the feen: For to speak to the Affembly (befoze they were difmifted) about Pitwood's Lineage. Therefize the ffor Itanding up agam, faid, Dis Pajetty is bigtly pleased with this your Approbation, and commandeth me to thank you all: Dis further pleasure is, that the Leed Pitwood's Lineage be recommended to Pou for Pour

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ven affent for confirming their Offices under bimfelf, nah Lord ebief Pielare ; as ta thefe perions, in declaring the weath and geedness of their Sather, I babe net detrades any thing from them ; fez thep all babe led the fame life with bim, babe been always under bis Mutelage, and fiff will be under bis Babernance; for as aith mat any of them thould by reafen of bis Beuth err, per bis Father will quicalp efpp it and reclaim bim ; therefoze I think you cannot do better foz vour feibes, nez better pleafe the Bing's Majeffy, than fo difcober rour affent by bolding up pour bands. Aben. an brieze, the greatest part beld up their bands; and Pirwood and bis Lineage alfo belved themselbes again. but frake not. Taben this bufinels was to well it ted to the great content of the Bing and Debles, but especially of the for and cololf; It was thought conhenient to difmilis the Commons. A hereteze Grimbard the Brach was commission to intimate fo much to them, which bery for malip be did; first by their O yes's commanding filence. afterward by freaking to the Affembly in this manner.

Dur Putffant Bing and all bis Pobles gibe great thanks to reu all, for your fo ready attendance this day, and also fee that you have so cheerfully affented to what was proposed; therefore for pour better commodity, and that pell map with greater ease journey to peur own bimes, his Kopal Bejelty and all his Roble Lords bere present have commanded me to dismiss pour and you are dismiffed fez this time. Cipon this the Affembly brake up. fome greatip contented, others doubtful, and net a few plainty forrowin for what had passed. When the field began to be empited. and it was thought there was map es nough for the Ling and his Pobles to wait to the Palace: The Bing firft defcended, after bim the Lord Reynard, then Knaves and the Lord Pitwood and his Lineage, with fich teeming for Fools (the bernefs, as many et the Commens that flaved to fee the first for el fight. admired the grabity of bim and bie. The ffet ch- ends, the laft

fight, admired the grabity of him and his. Afte ffet the ends, the last serving the Lozd Pitwood was gazed upon, sept a little in imitation) back, and walked directly before him bare beaded; the Bear honour the and Cat seeing this, placed themselves on each side of him unworthy, & like most wicked

liketoise bare headed; after him followed his Lineage all in eider, and after them the Robles, and lastly Grimbard the Broch, leading a great Aroop of Serbitors, that attended on the King and Robles. In this Equipage marched they, till the King was ready to enter his own Valace; then did the Arumpets fund, and all manner of other Pusick was heard in a meledious manner, constantly playing until all the tohole company was entred the Koyal Palace.

CHAP. VI.

How the King invited his Nobles the next day to a Feast, and what passed thereat.

When all the Robles and their Followers were entred the Paiace, the Ring willed them all to fit down, and told them, the business of the day holding so long, and the issue also of the same being dubicus, he would not resolve what to do; but now his affairs being settled according to his wify, he desired they would all accompany him on the marrows at a Feast which should be prepared so them; and then he would surther declare his mind. They hearing this, all took their leaves and departed, every

one to tis own beme.

In the mean while the Ling fent out his Purberas into all parts, who probled fieze of Mentson, and other Tates in abundance. When the incrow was come, and noon dew nigh, they all came much about one time: and after obersauce made, all took their places at the Table, the For firting down on the right band of the Ling, and the Wolfen his left, and all the other Pobles in order, giving place this left, and all the other Pobles in order, giving place this left, and all the other Pobles in order, giving place this left, and all the other Pobles in order, giving place this left, and all the other Pobles in order, giving place this left, and all the other Pobles in order all intermit a mong them. When they were all sate, the Services brought in Opeat, deeded in others manners with curious bauces, and let it before them. Orace being enoed, the Ling cuts first of the dish that soon nearest birn, stading bis guess to fall to. They all in the manne, tap hands

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of what was nearest them, and focu made a clean brard. Then those emery platters remobed, other full Diffice. probided for a feerend conese, were set on the Slable ; tobile this was doing the Bing calls to bis Barbicas fie Taine, which was brought, and the Cup giben into the Istings band, be diank to all his Guells, bieding them weldome, toithal commanding to fill unto every one that fate at the Aable. This being done ther fall to the fecand courfe, and then began to talka little. The Berbitogs fear. Gluttons will ring by their earting fo much, none tomis be left for them, always cat tate away the second course. and bying in the third without broding ; and as before fill eatine corbe Bing fira, and after pard to the Table Affemoly. And this order they ting at the sect in all the following courses till the Feast was done. 32: to when the Feat was ended, the tring and all rie Company tooked hery chearfully one upon another, and the King first re all said. Water brabety did cur Couffin Reynard manage his buline's petterday? To this the could Cobo during the Featt bad faid nothing, left bis Teerb find be feen roa plainly by the Servicos) replyed, he oid indeed (moft Phiffant Prince) ad no otherwife, than as to be had been impired by an Dracle; intruib I was afraid all would not be well when that rumour and murmuring noise was beard among the Commund. Quar berilp pur me alfo ro a frand, taio the For, and I was a little troubled till I beard what the matter was; then I anew I was able to put an end to that murmirting. I am glad It is honourall things are to well, taid the thing ; it will be our carts able in a King new to endraber to breptbem fo. Therefere to you, my to give good Logo Pitwood, I note speak : I hope the Bonour toe babe Counfell, but conterred on you and pourabore prefent, will neber be it is bafenels togger; for mbifectorist umindirlet benefits, debiates in a Subject from all handly. Our soubjeds are numerous, and all not to regard of them (as I well noted) of has confent to your the fame; as Approbation, though the major pare (abirb is fufficient) this Chapter, indeed did bery cheering. For this cause I well and the babe peu reconsider you lake Chemies as well and riends whole Histowhich will be apr to soppail odbamages, and ready to ry following. exciaim against you to soon as they can find any escation, clearly proved

greedily, although firrable of a

for although lighligh will by nothing be former given, than by pride and here the Wolf licentious libing; of which (though I thus (peak) I hope for himself, by I hall habe no occasion to be reaicus.

his filence. and the Fox ing discourse. folemple promife to obferve all the King commanded, or advised to. yet they neither of them ever intended to perform the Cime.

Then Cord up Reynard the Far, and faid, Wolf dzead Sobereign. I dare engage my bengur, rea life and all, for for him, by a the good deposement of mp Uncle. For the reasen lubp long and ly- be beretifeze mas required churiffe, and icentious, mas because of his power; this now bring totally remobed by the office your Baietto barb aiben bim. can be no cause of filtring up in him fuch bices as were (in times paft) condemnable in fim : because bad be now na other estate to live on than his profits (not to mention other Perquifires), be muft needs babe to ample a competence, as that be thall need to defire no moze. Pia. I fav, bis riches will be fo great, as be will be in a capacity rather to gibe ro others, than to need any thing more than what his office datip fupplies bim with. Belides, I confider bim by mp fell; it is well known to vour Bejetty, how I was court. mually complained of by my Guenites, accuted of Marder. Mief and Mapine (as mp farmer troubles do well witneis) mil rour Majeffy was pleafed to adbance me, and conter ett me fo ample Areaftires, as 3 nam poffeis. Since this time, not one Beaft ef ail pour Bajefip's Subjeds bath fo much as opened his mouth against me. It is true, Reynard, faid the Bing, I habe neber heard ang complaint of thee fince the time I firft adbanced thee; therefoge Brepent me not of what I habe done. Then the For bowing bimfelf, faid, I bumbly thank pour Bajeftp for ail pour Fabours beftowed on me, as allo for this great Bounty, for my fabe, conferred on my Uncie; of whom (doubtlefe) from this day fogward, you will neber more bear complaint. Witth this fpeech of Reynards the Bing was greatly fattsfied; and therefore fato, Coufin Reynard, I beliebe no lefs than paubabe reid me. I am glad to fee pau affectionate and lobing to peur Cincle; 3 doubt not but be will repay your atnoness with line love and affection, and in the Erecurton of his effice de always minoful of fabing our Donour. Des, falo Reynard, that will be bis only atm; for he hath already promited to be always more mind:

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mindful of pour Karelies interest then of his often. These and many more such speeches passed between the Bing and the For, until it was somewhat late in the Evening; then the King smithed his Discourse, told all his Guels it was late, he would detain them no longer. So they departed; only Reynard the for was exdered to come to Court early in the morning; say the king told him he would speak with him alone about earnest business.

CHAP. VII.

Of the Discourse the King had with Reynard the Fox, touching the Advancement of Sir Bruin the Bear, and Tibert the Cat.

The day no feoner appeared, but Reynard hasted to the C. urt; where his Apietly had expected his coming almost an hour before, so, he was troubled about his promite to Bruin and Tibert, not yet performed, less they through discontent should be the Authors of Commotion. Therefore, so feon as Reynard came in, he sate, Aris well you are come, Cousin, I was even now, and indeed last night, thinking of my promise to Bruin, and also to Tibert, how remits I have been in performing my wood, doubting whether by that omission they two being discontented (as I suppose they are) might not ratis some Commotion and stir among our Friends and Subjects. Hereupon, the For (now sinding all things to succeed according to his own define) after oversance made, thus speaks:

Sure, mighty Prince, you have consulted with the Dracle, otherwise you could not have consectured to truly. For Bruin the Bear, and Tibere the Cat were highly offended with my Uncle two days before the Affembly of the Commons, and came with full intent to his house to bave done him some mischies; but by good sortune, I being present, discerned their design by their looks, and therefore present by told them of your Hajesp's royal intent to promote and

hanour them, the hery nert day after the Affembly of the Commons was ober, which for the present pacified them bery well, but stence the time apprinted to past and gone, twithout any effect, answerable to lobat I premised, both they now hand affected, I cannot tell. Tatell then, faid the Bing, I understand by your wieds, that it is bigh time to do somewhat in this business; but I pray thee Touth Reynard, tell me which was I may be a honour them teith leaft damage to mp felf, or injury to you. The fir hearing this, after low Obepfance made, faid; Decau Sibereign, if mp poor judgment may be receibed in rbts case, I bumbly request pour Wajeffp to consider the nature and temper of them both, and ecceptingly to bottour them. To this the king replied, you freak well Coulin, but tince you best know their natures, I leave it to you to propose, which way they may bett

It is a point of great difcretion to give honour. or choose Officers according to their Qualifications, and on ive employments but when any the accomplishing his own base quence, and perilous to the Prince himfelf.

be be noured? Wighte Sir, faid the For, if it be pour pleafure that I wall fpeak my mind, I briefly fap thue. Bruin is a lump, and an beaby flow beaft, one that lebes to libe in toleneis, therefore an emply title of bonour withour inplopment is fitted for bim. But Tibert is nimble, actactive Spirits the, fubtile and pointet, and therefoge feme fitto confer act-sing implopment that is profitable (for be is naturally cobetous) will please better than all the beneur in the world. A be king bearing this, was well contented; and further laid, what Attle Spall I gibe Bruin? and what Complor. Subject thall ment thall I find out for Tibert? 999 Legh, Bruin will bold periwade his himfelf biably concented with fuche Title as Ilegrim mp Sovereign fo Uncle bath, that is, if pour Pajelip will crease him Carl to do, only for of the Forrefts, although he habe not the fact of Land there tt will be as much as needs to be. And fig Tibert-if pour Digbness will but command my Uncle to mare bim bis Ciert (fiez a Ciert be muft kabe) that will be both baends, that is nour and profit alfo, the laft of which is his chief and only of evil confe- aim. Then the King faid, this you theah of may well be dane spet I doubt there will be an incombeniency in making Bruin Garl of the Fogeft, occause the Fogefes are mine only, and in case any Infurrection be, the Rebeis

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map make Bruin their bead, by birtue of this Title, and so my Royal dignity be in danger. Hy Lozd, said the Foz (bowing himself) how can your Hajesty think thus? Foz whilst I continue in your Pighnesse's grace and sabour, Bruin

Bruin must needs be under me, especially if this Bonour be conferred on him, as for my fake, that will make him always to act by my addice, and neber to do any thing without it. Besides, if he would be a Araptoz, be is of himself so timerous and fearful, that he must needs beweap himself. Therefore, for him I sap thus much, If ever be be found faise to rour. Wajesty, take iff my Dead. Thell Consin. said the King, since you have so good opinion of bim, I will for your fake do bim this Benour; and that I map the moze firmly bind him to ferbe pour I will at the same time make you Lozd chief Baily of all my Dominions; only at the receibing thefe Donours, you wall both of you felemuly flocar fealty to me and my Detrs for eber. At the hearing of this, the For (infinitely joyful no doubt, for by these means be knew all power would be in his band) bowed bimfelf to the king, and faid; Roble Sir, I am nor only wil. ling to ferbe pour Majesty in such an tigh and bonourable effice, but bould hold my felf well contented to be accounted pour Bighneffe's Wastal, lince I fee fo great noblenefe, as I am net able to eppels. Well Reynard, said the lating. I am willing to bonour pour thus, because I repose in you so great trust, as I never in all my life did, in any of my Subjects for indeed I am to fufficiently perswared of pour Loyalty, as I suppose I babe no cause to doubt any Atsoemeanez in peu. Ob my Lord, fato the Fir. Bould I in the least ad any thing repugnant to your Bajefty's benour, I hould be worse than any Beast, and the most weetched of all Creatures. Aben the Bing faid; Coufin, pou babe faid enough, I beliebe peul. Aberefeze call in ir Tibert, and I will order him to fummen the Robles to appear all here on the morrow morning betimes. In the mean while pan map go bome to pour own Caftle. until the time of their intended meeting be fully come.

The For hearing this, bewed his head, and departed full of 10p and content; but forgot not to fend in Tibert to the Uting. Low when Tibert came before the Uning, the Uning laid, Str Tibert, our will is, that you hummon the Lords to

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be all bere to morrow morning, for I purpose to confer Ponours on Sir Bruin and your felf, of which I would have them to be witnesses, also for the Lord Reynard's good services, I intend, and fully resolve to make him chief Baily of all my Pominions, therefore hast you, and dispatch your Business,

CHAP. VIII.

How the Fox, Bear, and Cat, were Honoured by the King; and how the Bear and Fox swore fealty.

The Cat above measure joped at this news, runs sirst to Bruin the Bear, and acquaints him with the whole stozy; thenke hastens to all the other Lozds, and last of all comes to Malepardus, where Reynard's Casile stode, into which he enters, and not finding Reynard at home, (so he was gone forth to hunt) be faluted Reynard's Inite and Children, (who were most of them or good stature) in these words: Reherend Madam, and you noble Lozd, I am bither sem by the Bings Royal Majesty, to summon my Lozd Reynard to the Court early on the morrow. Dabing said this, away he runs to his own dwelling, and there remained until morning. Row, the morrow being come, and the Lozds all present in the Court, the Bing sitting down among them, began his discourse thus.

My Lozds and Friends, We have done much toward the ferling of our affairs in the choice and confirmation of the Lozd Piewood in his office of chief Pzelate; petthere feems somerhing moze of necessity to be done; so sits Bruin bath been long our leige man, and although of so high descent, as you all know we have none nearer us by birth, except cur own family, in all our Dominions, pet we have neber unto this day conferred on him any singular specimen of bonour. Aberefoze our will and pleadure now is, befoze you all, to create him Earl of the Fozess, thereby to oblige him nearer to us, and to intimate to all our Subjects in general, that we will bonour

as many, as either by birth, or befert, bught to be bommered. Alfo our mtfl is, that Sir Tibert, for bis diligence in executing our commands, be admitted by mp Lord Pirwood here prefent, as bis chief Cleik. The know be is anie and capable of fuch an Implayment ; cherefoze my Lozd (directing bis speech to the Wolf) I pray accept of bim as your Secretare, by me recommended. Tothis the Willfreplied, your Basefty may command much moze than this: I do bere in this noble prefence accept of Str Tibert as my chief Secretary, and none other. Then the Bing furtber faid, we babe great reafon to boncur efpecially, who (if at any time feeing us remifs) admonify us of our duty, therefore 3 am now fully refelbed to center greater bonour en our Coufin Reynard, the Preferber of our Kopal Crown and Dignity. Pabing faid this, be immediately before them all called to binithe Lard Reynard. and when he had killed him, gabe bim a flaff beaded with Gold; faping, this is our badg of honour, at all times to he horn befoze you, by pour Coufin Grimbard; oz in cafe he be not well at ang time, then by your Coufty Betelas the Ave. fo foon as he returns from Rome, whence be bis bourip erpected; and with this Staff we gibe pou pomer ober all our Subjects, and therefoze confitute pou Lozd chief Baily of ail our Dominions. After the king bad fpoke this, the For bowing bimfelf, said, Dzead Soberaign, I thall never be able fufficiently by words to express mp thankfulnels, being wholly obercome by pour Bajefties immenie Beunty; but my Actions hall tellifie my gratitipe to all pour Subjects. Then the King, nodding his head and fmilling, fato norbing to bim, but called Sir Bruin, and fato; Sir Bruin, I create pou Garl of the Fozefts, and if bereafter I habe to ample a teftimony of pour Lorefty, as Jar this time perfwade mp felf I ball. I will confirm the fame bonour on peur Detrs and Succeffers for eber. The Bear bearing this, made obepfance, and humbly thanked bis Spajefty. Te this the Bing faid, be bad reason likewise to be thankful to bis Coulin Reynard, who bad requested this great bonour for bim. Aben the Bear turned himfelf, and gabe the For great thanks alfo. Abis being

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being dene, the Bing faid, Dow there remains nothing, Ouths taken but that pour two fwear fealty to us, our Detrs and Suc- by wicked ceffors. Then the Wolf, whole effice it was to fwear perfons, are them) gabe them the Book, on which be bade each of them no longer to lay bis right tand, and then fap after bim : So the for binding to and Bear aiter bim repeated thefe words: The fwear to them, than be true and faitbail to our Soberaign Logo the Bing, and till they can directip of indirectly to practice nothing against bis Mapal fee an oppor-Crown and Dignity, &c. Dabing faid this, he bad them cunity of faltifs the Book, father oto, and then role up; fez they took fifying the their Dath an eling. fame, to pro-

This being done, the thing difmiffed all bis Ribles ; mote their and to the For particularly iaid; 20mmp Logo Reyvard, ambitious infee that pen deal juffly to all my Subjects, in deciding tents as by their caules impartially ; fog I am willing peu fould your the following felf red? fetbe Grebances of my meaner Subjeds; and ftory is evimbat diff rence fall arife among pou mp Bobbes and dent in the Friends , of that I mp felf will habe the Decifion. Fox and Then the for bo red himfelf, and fato, Ail pour Ma- Bear now iefties commands thail be exactly obeyed by your most ob fworn before

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Aben Grimbard the Brock, receibing the Staff of Rey- the King. nard, bezett vefoze bim; and Pitwood the Wolf, Bruin the Bear, and all the other & bles followed after, and arrended the For to his own Cagle-gates, where they took their leaves of bim, and returned every one to bis own bome.

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How Pitwood the Wolf went to Malepardus to commune and advise with his Cousin Reynard about his own Affairs, and what was the Result of that Discourse.

A frer this, feme time being elapted, Pitwood the Talolf thought it necessary to do to bis Coulin Reynard, Therefore coming to Malepardus, be knocked, and one of Reveard's Sous coming to the gate, opened it, and homed himself to the Lord Picwood, saping, Ap Facher is within ; if pour Lozofbip weuld fpeak with bim, 3 will gotu and call bim. I prap thee do, said the Tilolf, for I come for that end. So Reynards Son told his Father, the Lord chtef Prelate was come to fpeak with bim. De bearing this, bafted to the Gare, and there falured his Wincle, in these words, Reberend Uncle I jop to fee pou, I think it not expedient to inbite pour Lozdibip to come into mp House, therefoze we (going to ponder bedg) hall babe a perp convenient place to fit down and talk together; for I know we thall there have more privacy then we can have mithin doors. Bonourable Coufin faio the Wolf, 3 am alwars obliged to pou for pour readiness to ferbe me, but especially for your probidence and forecast; pour felt be. ing fo circumfeed and wife, as to be able to forefee conbenience, oz inconbenience, as oft as need is. By this time thep were come to the Bedg, where the For firting dami first, inbited his Encle to ter by him. Tolben he was far, the Far began thus; Uncle Picwood, I suppose by this time pou perceibe the profits of pour effice ? Des, Coufin, faid the Totalf, I babe indeed reaped no fmall benefit by mpeffice, the Perquifites are large, and I habe receibed great prefents, and those of to great bartety, as 3 never in all my life fam the like; beitdes, thetrquantity is to urear, as my own Douse will baroip contain them. 3 am glad to bear it, faid the for; our bow lares it with all my Coulins, your Children and Repbers: do they also th the

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in their offices? Des, bery well, said the Leed Piewood. they tell me they tabe enough, and I beliebe them ; 102 three er feur of them bate lately taken Surfitts with cating (poor bearts). D Uncle, faid the fer, that's nething. perhans their flomachs were weak; but they will be well enough in alterie time. Des, res, Coufin, faid the Wolf, I deubt it net. But good Carfir, let me babe pour adbice in feme few things. Sippele I babe moze than I can tell where to bestow, tobat spail I do with the remainder? This Chipter spail I gibe it to the Bing, og build my Boule larger to re. This Chipter retbe all that comes, and referte the fame for a time of thews that need? Tabat is pour adbice? fall I gibe to the Bing, and Liberality is to ingrattate my felt further with tim ? Dat fo, fald the one mainup. For, for the king feeing your great affluence of kiches, holder of will begin to cut thost pour other Kebennes, supposing Greatness, and rou will in time grow too mighty for bim. That's bery coll- that without fiderable, quoth the Will's what then? I perceibe peu it. Envy and allow of enlarging my beufe ? Do, faid the fer, if pru Malice may well take mp adbice, The no fecurity in that, but would ras fo far prevail, ther perfinade pour to finich pour friends. Dan fap paul as to be able tobar Filmos can I babe in tala big' effate lobich to fake, if every oreenbles ? To this the Fer antwers, Uncle, did not totally to Pour bere know any one embted for gibing ? It is not pour ruin thofe bigheffare that caufeth enbp ; but the batted of others a- that are in gainst pou, is because thep can reap no benefit by feur great honour. ureatnels: Therefoze pour cannot do better for pour felt, and get very na better fecur peur oton Grandeur, than by pleafming coveros; fome few of the 12 bles with a fmall part of your wealth, Befiles, gifts now and then. Their Courin, faid the Taili, I will do fos bling the eves but pou must a bife me to whom; for I know not what and after the to do in such a case as this? Tellar to de, said the Fol- underflanding mighty to fee to, is but port; and the ugh he as per care eafly induced ry fare to get and me, pet if he partake not of part of our cafely induced Wealth, be may in time probe a bitter enemp? Likewife to approve of Sir Firrapel the Libbard, and Sly-look the Panther, are thit now, efteemed grear, pet we well know that fime finall pit which they tance from us, will be fo thankfully accepted by them, the day tefore . as the thall eber after oblige them fittilly to us. And Can did contema

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cle. it is a berp necestary point to be thought on; for if we he diligent in obliging Friends to mighty, lokar is it toe may not do? Det pou must be sure to be mindful of pour oton Serbitozs that they may not repine at your wealth; especially, look into your Secretaries prefits; if they be not large enough to content bim, pen muft add moze, till te bolds bimfelf well contented. Foz te wbo would retain the greatness be at present bath, must not forget to reward his Attendents to . as they never utter one word in bis dicommendation. Coufin, faid the Wolf, I well undergand piu, and purpose to pur in pradice what pou habe adbifed. Se foz that time thep parted, and the Walf offtributed bis Boods among the befoge recited Robles, as freely and as liberally as ever walf oid. And the fet according to the addice be bad giben bimfelf, did also largeip reward those of woom be thought be flood in greatest need, or in rime to come might babe cocaffon to ufe, and in his bounty exceeded the Walf by far.

CHAP. X.

How the Fox behaved himself in his Office, and of two Causes by him decided.

The For (who knew it was no less wisdom to keep what is getten, than to get the same) notwithstanding his other assairs, (which now by reason of his Office were many) waits and tends upon the King as sozmerly, always making great Protestations of his Loyalty, touching which the king doubted not at all, the For bad so crastily instituted himself into his affectious. All being well on his side, we now come to speak of his Decision of Causes and manifest differences among the meaner sort of Subjects: And of these at this rime we mention only two.

The first is of a Weber and an Otter, who being at sitte about Fish they had taken, make their complaints befoze the Lozd Reynard; the Otter first thus begins; App Lozd, this

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this Beber hath done me great wrong; for be and I were Partners for many years, and all the fifth we got, we flored up in common, and both his and my Family were fed thereof always in our need, electally in Winter; and it happened, that this prefent Winter I expecting the same pribiled

biledy I fozmerly bad, came for fift in my need, but he Denved me mo right; and babing all the fich in bis paf. feffen, gabe me nitio mich as one fmall fic. Aberefaze I am in neceffire, habing fpent all I bad to bup food for my felf and family. The For bearing this, asked the Beber, if it weie true? 320, faid be, mp Lord, this iptha beaft accufes me falfir ; for be and I were neber Part. ners, except that we have fometimes gone a fifting together, and afterwards made merry with our Bootp. Befides be barb not the right art of fibing, for be mabes fuch a mile, when he is in the water, that all fiftes that are near, fly with might and main; but I leap not into the mater, before I elpp mp prep ready and within mp reach. 189 mo discreet fibing I catch moze than two for bis one; therefore my Lord, it is not to be imagined that I mould the impfelf to fo great an inconbeniency as to labour for a. nother. Then the ffer asked the Beber, if be had any floze of Fish by bim ? and be faid, 121 my Lozd. Touben be beard this, be asked the Dtter, what he faid to that ; had the Beber and Filb by bim when you and became laft from bome : Des, fato the Diter: Beltebe bim not. I befeech pour Ponour, quoth the Beber. So the for ftraightmap commanded two Officers to go to the Bebers boufe to fearch for fit. When they came there. they faw two Koems ene abobe another, full flozed with The Ith being to much, as they could nor bear it away at feberal times going; they carried none of it with them, but one flaged to guard the file, and the other haftned to the Court of Judicature, faring, App Lozd, there is such floze of Fith, as I neber sate be: fore; for in the Bebers boute are two rooms full, &c. Tomben the Lord Reynard beard this, be proceeded to gibe centence thus; Since the Beber bath fallip belped bis Reighbour, and dented bim bis juft due, be fall lofe all bis Fifb. Then touching the Diter be faid, fince be bad been wronged, he would have one balf of the fith to make bim reparation. The Dtter departed well enough contented with this fentence; but the Beber was mad at heart. Abis Sentence was as exactly executed, as P20:

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After this there bappened a great difference between certain Daws and Mooks. The occasion rake as follows. In an bigb Tower, apperraining to a Country-Lown, where men formerly bad diveit, a company of Datos tock up their babitations, and Lad obelt there fo long as until they became bery numeraus. Might againft this Lower were planted Cimes, which in length of time toere groton up to a bery great belght; in the upper part of which at firtt a few, and afterwards many Rooks built Refts and fetled there. Thefe two kinds being fo near Beigbbours, at length grew into acquaintance and familigrity one with another: the Bocks precending great kindnefs to the Datos, were by them admitted into their Boules, and fomerimes feated ; the Mooks like wife inbited the Daws to them, featling them after the fame manner. Abis recipzocal entertainment continued along time, until a fcarce and hard Seafon came. Then the Books warching their apportunity, when the old Daws were acne forth, (for it was Spring-time , and thep bad poung ones) being greatly preffed with bunger, agreed all tegether to gob the Daws, and fearing the notic of the poung Daws would bewrap their intentions, it mas refolbed among them, first to bill all they found in ebery boufe. With this recolution they all at once ffety out, and one of thoo of them went into every boute and flew all the poung ones, some of which in carrying out they let fall, by reason of their batte; but as many as they could told, they carryed in their own Deffs, and returned immediately and tock away all the Probifions thep could (which was not much by reason of the scarcity of the time) and carred that home alfo. Then with fpeed fome of them flew our to purbey, as at other times, but (by reafon of their own bunger) made bafte bome. 15p this rime were the old Datos alfo returned with Probifion for their young, whom they neber more fam alibe. Therefoze finelling the deceit, some of the boldett of them flew ober to thetr Reighbours, and coming unatoares

man them, could easily see the teen limbs of their children. Dibers of them firing again downwards, efpied under the Lower-walls seberal of their rounglings lying dead. Arthis, they were all fo much enraged, as tad not fome of the wifest among them distinaded them from it, they mould babe suddenly in an bostile manner affailed their Enemies. Aberefoze they took up this refolution, name. ip, that they mould complain of their Briebances to the Bing of Beafts. But after it was tolo them that the ming bimfelf mould not meddle in their matters, because he bad deputed bis Cousin Reynard, they all fip to bim. and liabring on a Tree nigh to the place of Sudicarure. they called aloud, Juffice, Poble Lozo Reynard. Reynard be. ing informed of this Crp, immediately came forth, and firring down, fato, Wabar is the matter ? Aber faid. sop Lord, abenge our caufe of those perfidicus Books who babe flain our Chilozen, and robbed us of all cur fuh. Rance. Le this the For replied, boto fall I know pour complaint is juff, unless I also bear those that be accused? Arthis, they all flew away home, and being there, called to their Reighbours the Books, telling they muft appear before the Lord Raynard. To this the Books answered. that was no lamful Summens; nevertheless, they bould not flick to appear, being fufficiently able to clear themfelbes. So fame of the cloent of the Bocks flew firft to the Court of Judicarure; the Daws leeing that, made bafte after them. Tiben both bad lighted on Arees as near the Fores lear, as they could, the Daws as befuze. erbibit their complaint. To this the Mooks anfaer. Mp Lozo, thefe Dams bere prefent, belje us fbremdip. for the as well as thep were gone forth to purbep for Recellartes; but their prung thes in their abience cram ted out, and tell down, and so died; some of which are ra be feen at this prefent, broken to pieces against the Stenes; and this is the cause who these Warlets accuse us, tobo are innecent as pour Lozoftip. To this the ffor animered, it is frange that all the young ones in every bouse thousd at one time be althe disposed to crawl. out ; I suspect the truth of this matter, and cannot acquit

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auft pou, unless pou can by substantial witnesses, eht. a-nice the truth of pour Affertion. Aben the oldeft of the Broke faid, for Lard, the are able to produce Witneff a enough, some of which saw this downfall of the pound Daws. Gatothen, fatothe for, parduce them. Aben baffed one cz two of the Brita, and in a fort time pros It is dangerduced all the reft of their fellows, who had an hand in ous for guilty the former Baffacre of the Dalus. Tathen thefe adit- perfons to ne fee were come, the for commanded them down to be come within ftoom: Therefoge boton they came (theu Ib untoillingly) the ludg his and afrer thep were fromin, and ready to gibe ebidence, power. he mould not bear them, befize the other Mooks who mere accused, were alle come donn off the Trees, and bequatt to the Bar. 2:m fato be to the Witne ffes, let us bear what rou can ap. we, my Lord, faid one of them, were ere-witneffes of what barned to the poung Daws; for they came all to the deces of their boules, and they lacked eneupen anather, until at length, Artbing (asit feems) to fir (before they were able) they all tumbled down beadlong. 2 m indeed, we feeing they were fallen and dead. tock up ebery one of us one of them, and carried them beme, because we knew they were dead. Wiben these our kinsfelks, who are now arraigned, came bome, we told them the whole flozy; they allowed of what me had done; because that was tree boctp; pet to aboto the ill-will of our Reigbbours, they would not fuffer us to ferch up any moze of their dead bodies. Lowitis true, that fome of the Daws flying ober to us, did fee many of us the Witnesses eating of the dead bodies of their Children, and therefoze without one word fpeaking. they failly affirmed to your Logolbip that we bad flain tteir children, and robbed them. So then fato the For. pou deny you have robbed them, pet confess you eat the bead Pounglings. Ab where are foin goods to be found. but in the possession of the Thief? Therefoze by pour own ebidence you babe condemned your felbes, and I can do no le in equity than to condemn you all to be frangled, as a just recompence for your beinous Mastacre. Taben be had faid this, the for's Artendants frangled ebery one of G 2 them



Crafty men them in a moments time; but their dead bodies were de-willingly for- libered by Tale into the Lozd Reynard's Kitchin. The go, and readi- Dates feeing intat was done, rejoiced greatly, and boto-ly give away, ing themselves to the For, said, Bonoured Sir, we are infinitely

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infinitely bound to your Lozdhip, for that you have so sust what is not in avenged our cause on the Hurtherers of our Children, their own. Are For answered, Acould do no less; sor I plainly person or ever like cethed they were guilty, both of Hurther and Thest; to be in their therefore I give you all the Houses and Goods remaining possission, as of these Historiants, (although indeed my own Perquishers is existently but you may ever after it be secure from such treaches dent by the rous Reighbours.

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Low when the Daws had humbly thanked the For, they gives the took their leaves and departed; and from that day for Daws the ward would never after have any Fellowskip with Books. Rooks Notes.

CHAP. XI.

because he knew not how to come.

How the Fox liberally bestowed what he got among the at them.

Nobles, and of the Communication that was held by
them at a general Meeting.

T DE For in this manner handling all matters to, as When afoiwhich wap foeber the fcale turned, pacfit fould re- ring Subjeds dound to bim, partip by Bzibes taken pribile on both fides, abound in and partip by the Fogfettures of the condemned, bad got Wealth, the together an infinite male of Mealth. Then knowing Kings royal his own great Riches, be afpired to adbance bis effate pet perfon and bigber, pea eben ababe bis Walter, that bad bonoured power is lie bim to bighly, and had giben bim power fufficient to en able to great Danger bis obon Crown and Dignity. Therefoze, ta pec-danger. ceed furely (as be thought) to bis befoze-imagined Granbeur, be hews bimfelf much moze itberal than fozmerly. enriching all the Bobles and their Follomers and Kert. nue, among which be moft of all gratified Sir Tibert the Car, gibing to bim bery largely. By this liberal gibing be was the only eminent person in the land (as thep who were to greatly benefited by bim judged) that was endued with unifoom, Policy, and great Riches. To Priwood the Walf (though be bad wealth enough of his amn) be also foggar not to fend feberal Pzefents, not once ar twice, but ofener. De bolding this course with the

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Pobles, was not in the mean tobile unmindful of wairing aften on the Bing, and with mooth woods, and a tring pretence of benefip, to tull tim effcep. eben to a Lethar. ap of fecurity; for the thing being old, and fearing no complaints, was well pleased, that be bao confituted a Subfitute wbo was able and willing to free and difcbarge him of all trouble. Then the fer, concealing his intent. feemingly behabed bimfelf meft uprightly; and indeed te mas fo circumford as be tocu'd neber dibulge bis mind. until be fam a manifeft occasion offer it felf bery plainty. Some time being paffed, the Robles were all met traether at the Lord Pitwood's toute, to which Weering the Fir came not, but attended on the Bing, tobetber necel. firated thereunto, cz purpafelp, is not wel' huewn. this meeting, the foi's great worth was ligh'y magnified, and Pirwood bimfelf errolled bim to the sties, ad. ding withal, that be was fir to rule a Bingdom. Thefe mezos being mineed by these thoo plaged all te said to be true, fpurred them on to fpeak diffcpally of their Sobe-Alfothe Prin- raign. Aberefrze Bruin the Bear becke bis mind thus. De is indeed a most worthy perfen, and is more mindis the difloyal fil to recompence and pleafire bis friends, than the Bing bimfelf; for what gives be to any of us? If we bring vant ge; and him Perfents, be for the prefent only thanks us, and attermaro neber moze thinks of us, oz our Prefents; but the Lord Reynard expects no gifts from us, and ret to neber weary of conferring Benefits inus. In this magnified (by Bitelas the Ape affented (for be was newly come from Rome) aud faid, De Depteto the Logo Reynard is mot culp wife, but courtecus, affable, and ercceoting mindful if Benefits ; pea, and where be neither barb, nez and the King can erped to babe reaped any commedity, there also bis beneb lence is largely errended. It is true indeed, faid Firapel the Libbard; and the near Biniman, Sly-look the Benther chined as mich. At length one among them lato, If a barancy fould bappen, hall we not do weft to the O Reynard for cur lawful ting : Pes, fato anorber. produced, as me may do well in to being ; but it is not time to talk this Charter of firth metters as per. 20, 110, faid Pitwood the Taloff.

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tre hall endanger our Deads by such a discourse (as this) te whould bappen to come to the Lings ear. Besides, for us ro imagine such a thing, before we consume with the Lord Reynard rhereabour, to know whether he will accept of our good endeadours, and stand by us in it, and assist us with his wealth and friends, I sudgit a very great imprudence, if not a rash and bararoous foily.

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CHAP. XII.

How Bitelas the Ape informed Reynard of all that paffed at the Meeting of the Lords.

Off the mograto early. Birelas the Ape journeped to bis Rephew Reynard's Caffie, end when he was let in, he spake to the For in this manuer:

Denoured Pepteto, I bear peur commendations fo biably commemcrated, as 3 am abobe meafire jered thereat. The & bles are all at your debotton, there is not one of them, but be is ready to basard Life and Fortune for pour further advancement : Pou know mp meaning Reptem, do peunot ? Pes Uncie, faid the Fer, I know it well enough; fog I can frep but one Rep bigber. and I think not time as pet to begin that afcent. 120. no, fato the Ape, pou miltake me. Repheto, if you think I mention this to engage your Lozoftip in any rath atrempt, tur raiber that peu knowing pour Friends, map the better underftand bem to ufe them, when accasten ts. Pou speak bery well, Uncle, said the For. Will peu do one thing for me ? Des, faid the Ape, that I will Coufin. if positive. Aben said the For, go to every of the Lords. apart, and found them, to fee bow they fland affected; and bring me an eract account.

so the Ape with all diligence founded them, and found not

As in all Treasons. fome one fon is emfathom the thews great craft in the Projector : had diffented. he then had on to accuse all the other. and fo clear . bimfelf.

not one differring, but largely promiting to basard all to inhest the Lord Reynard with Regal Power. Dnip be perceibed that the Bear forupled bis Darb to the Bing; principalper- because be fait. If be toere but absolbed there from, be would be none of the pack parded to promote this delign. ployed by the All this be related to Reynard three dass after. Aben Grand Proje Reynard fato, fmiling, Whicle pou habe bone me a great ctor, to found hindness, I will repar there long. As for Bruin's doubt, the intentions I can eafily remobe it : for I am fire the Lord Pitwood of allthe Con- will absolbe both him and my felf from that Darb erspirators, so torted from us by the king. so feen as time shall ferbe here the Ape for effecting this buffne's: Det we mult not only relie on is employed the Fabour of the Lords, but bp the beft means toe can. by the Fox to engage the Commons alfo. It is true Pephelo, faid the Ape; but how that will be done, I cannot tell; for if Affectionsand Soldters Could be lifted, that would neber be done fo Refolutions of fecretly, but it would be blazed abread, and fo came eaffly all the other to the ling's ear. Ba Uncle, fato the for, that is not Confiderate. the way. The muft proceed after austher maaner than Trators. This bifibly to raife any Soldiers : Gach Lozd muft by pinmile and reward engage as many of the Commons as be can . pretending a pribate Quarrel, in which be would babe their afficance, and therefore mjoyn them to be for it any one ready armed at any time, when be thall call.

Bicelas the Apc. admiring his Pepters Wilcom. a fair occafi- fato, This is the directeft may to raife an Armp inbilibip. Ao this the For laid, if we intend to effect our butinels throughly, we muft not bilibly raile Soloters until the pour aspointed be fully come; then boto iquares will go we shall from know; and if one Explait penfore, all the other will fucceed accordingly, and we thail need the fetoer Soldiers. Aberefoze the fress of all lies in managing the builness well at fird: If we inticarry at firft, our Delign will fcarceip be effected; nap, it is weil if our own Bain fail not in as an Ap-The Are bearing this, faid, Pou do well pendir. Coufin to premite the word ; this frems to meafure prefage of the future Count, that it will be escerding prospercus.

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Thus did the For difficially intend the ruin of his Soberaign, his greatest friend, to whom he had softmuly swam fealty; but what success he had, shall hereafter be shewed.

CHAP. XIII.

Of the Discourse between the Fox and the Wolf and of another Meeting of the Lords, and what was agreed on among them.

The for, now filled with bopes of obtaining the beight of all pawer, retoibed to let pals no oppozeunito of promoting bis defign; therefore, the first lefture. time be bad, be beanted in Conference with the Wolf. maho not only promifed his Affifiance, but also to absolbe him, and the Bear, from their Dath of fibelity. Aeiling the For, that all the Logos he was ture were like minded mith bim. If to, faid the for, it were necestary, lobing Uncle, to fummen the Lozds as pribately as may be. That is done already, faid the worlf, and they will be all here by and by; but I willed the Wellenger not to fummen poul because I intended so foon as they were alt fat down. to disparch an Berauld presently to you. This course I thought would be beft, for whatseber bould at that time babe been with you, they would tabe judged, that the king mas bere, and fo not babe offered their ferbice to come and attend you bither, because of the bake all know you are mont to make when bis Majeny fends.

By this time feveral of the Lozds were come in, most of them entring through the back-gate, for fear of being suspected. How as every one came in, be first faluted the For with great Reverence, then the other Prelate Ucgrim, lately siled Piewood. When all were come, and each face down orderly in his wonted place, Piewood the Wolf stood

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up, and bewing himfelf a little, faid, app Lords, bere is trow prefent the Roble and Putffant Lord Reynard, of whom Fame barb made such a loud report &c. I babe disclosed pour intentions to bim. and be bery toell approbing thereof. noto gibes rou ibis meering. Then the for fierd up and fetd, Mp Lizde, and libing Friends. 3 am not ignorant of your affectionate de tre to achance me per one ftep bigber than I at prefent am. I also am infezmed, that for effecting this, pen will hazard Life and Feztune, (foz witch 3 gibe pou great thanks, and will not fail to return a proportionable recompence, if eber I attain the wifed end) per I cannot underfland, pour babe to pour felbes proposed tobat was to take to bring about pour purpofe. Then Sir Bruin the Bear, lately made Earl of the Fozefts, said, Roble Hogo Reynard, we are all ready to ferbe pou, and follow the Directions pour Lordhip Gall think good to propose. The for bearing this, faid, be could propose an expedient course, which being taken, would further the defign, and pet not be perceibed; but tefeze be did that, be destred to be absolved from the Dath of Fealty, which be and Bruin the Bear More to the King. The Lord Pitwood bearing this, flood up and faid: I bere abiothe pou-Logo Reynard, and pour Sir Bruin, of the Dath pou babe taken, &c. and rou are absolbed. After ibis, the For bowing bimfelf began to freak thus. Worthy Friends, it is well known unto us all, that he babe need of the Commons; fez as no man can week wirbeut lands, to be can never accomplish what we intend, without the afficiance of many moze than we cur felbes are. Silo for pricuritia their affifiance we must not publichip invite, of felicite any, of otherwise bire and lift, as is unal in luch Cafes. Therefore there is but one way left us, and that is best, and will be mod fecure. The way is this; Let every one of us here prefent, by promite and reward, oblige as many of the Commons as we can, telling them we require their affifiance in a private quarrel, and therefore would tabe them be ready (but fecretip) in Arms, till we do call fog them: This

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way will both conceal our design and our felbes, until we Here it api think good to diciole our felbes and it. The 12 bles bear pears, thie ing the fires proposal, approached thereof; and bighip Flattery and pratiting bis Wil dom, fald, They mould put in pradite Diffimulation tobar be bad to zudently addited to. Then be again floed are necessary up and lato, Wil grbp Friends, if you think good to put concomitants in practice our addice, toe also find it expedient, that all of Treason: speed postible be used, because de av mar produce danger ; for had not and indeed fich deftyns as this fould be as foon executed the Fox waias thought on. Therefore I request poul, a'id as Coufe ted on the berares abjure you to use all offigence this ebening, and King as forall day too mogrow, to oblige as many as pou can. and merly, his ab. then to meet bere to morrow-night, that we may deter- fince had gimine what to do, and appoint the bour, in which we will yen coule of fet about the buffnets, and disparch tr.

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CHAP: XIV.

Of their last meeting, and how they determined to surprise they attempt the King and Court the next night following.

TO E next day the For went to Court, and tarried forecast how wirb the Bing unril Dinner-time ; then wirb great to fecure fubmiffton and feeming Loyalty be took bis leade of bim; themfelves if who doubting nothing, difmilled the for with great chear. it happen fulneis.

Tothen Reynard came bome, be toas not idle, but flaged at ted; as here is bome all that dap, not only to bleto the Fortifications of evident by bis Caftle, (for be under pretence of repairing it, bad ale the Fox his ready fortified it firongly) which be liked well, but also to fortifying Eramine bis floges of Probiffon, cherbing what was de, and furnithfictent, and fupplying the fame that day, that (if need ing his Caffle were) be might abid: a Stege to the confusion of his Ene. to abide a mies, as be fill fledfaftly boped. Therefore fuch Boldiers fiege, if need as should be.

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as be lebted pribile, be kept there, with a plentiful allowance of all that was needful.

Qui malum agit lucem fugit Conspiracies and Treafons can at no time fo ly be contrivei a; in the cause then gether unaway undifgovered.

Now the Evening being come, so soon as it was quite bark, be goes to the walfe's boufe, where be found all the Bobles just come in before bim. He observing that not one was militing concluded that all were right toz his purpose, (as indeed thep at that time were) therefore be, full of joy and content, spake to them on this commodioul-manner. Watethy Friends, 3 am not a little pleafed to fee pou all fo unantmous. To this they all faid they mild libe and die with bim. Then be bowing bimfelf. Night; be- faid. If pour Recolution be fuch after pou babe declared what power pou babe in readinets, I will diclofe my in-Confeirators contions, touching the time and manner of execution. may meet to- As to sur Power, fato Str Firrapel the Libbard, we bad a general Weeting in the Fozelt befoze we came bitber, feen and pals occasife we would be rightly informed thereabout; and among us all, except only the Lozd Picwood, who was not with us, we find we are able to raise at an bours warning three thousand Soldiers. Then the Welf fato, and I mp Lozd, am affured of four bundzed at as thort a warning. Weil then faid the For, I perceibe pour Loralites, for which I gibe pou thanks; I mp felt babe also Sir hundred Soldiers ready when 3 call for them. Thefe Forces rechoned together, will a: mount to no less than four thousand, a power suffictent to tarry our Delign through all oppolition and officulty. Dabing faid this, be paufed a little ; and at length flood no again; and faid, Westhy Friends, it now remains, that we fally and manimoully agree about the time and manner of erecuting our delign. Aberefore. Retile Sirs. If any of you can debife a netter way for effecting what we thrend, than I my felf babe thought upen, I to sild habe bim fpeat firft. To this they all repited, Roble Hord Reynard, toe all are pour Donours Berbants, pon may command us, we cannot addice pou; but whatfoeber per theil propose, that we will do to the withoft of our polary leer be event be whartt will. The For hearing this, tato, For this your Logalry, I will remard

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reward every one of you with fuch gratuhies, as pen Hopes of Recould meber expect from the prefent Ming. And, as to the ward and futime, and manner of execution . fince pou leabe it to me) ture advance. mp fudgment ts, that the forner the better; pet because ment maics it is necessary that our Friends and Allies. I mean the Conspirators Commons by us ingaged fould habe timely notice to bold and adbe ready'; I find it is not not pollible to fet about the buli- venturous. ners tooner than to mozroto night. Therefore I would Befides, all habe pou, and all pour Soldiers, to be ready embartelled in Trainors the Pozelt to mogroto in the Chening, letting out fpiese. themselves berp way to intercept all Dangers, that no Tales may be are very liberold: Then will I, when I fee the time, gibe command ral in promifor pou to march. But first, I would bebe two or three fing ; asapof pou, with pour Soldiers, to go to the Court, and if pears by the possible to turpeile the fame, then by a Weffenger to fig Fox, who nifie the Surptifal thereof to us, that we may with all promifeth to Forces come in immediately to repress all Melifiance exceed the whattoeber that may be made by any of the king's Sons, King his Maor Binsfolks, if they happen to escape the first comers, fter, against and should by that Alarum deato to themselbes a multi- whom he tude of Austitiaries tobich may fruitrate our intentions. whom he for it is to be underflood, that if toe do not our bust-conspires, and nets to purpose, we shall never long hold our gettings of whom he in peace and quietness; therefore, since I well know, contemptutat the thing and his Sons be throng and ballant, I only speaks, think it most exception for a contempt. think it mod erpedient for pou Str Firragel, with pour Evil Defigns Coufin Slylook, to take with you pour own Forces, and Evil Defigns fuch as will boluntarity follow gou; and at the time I are never hall gibe command to march firft (pet fecretly) to throughly the Court, and there to demean pour felbes right balt, executed amip, that you may with the greatest speed, and least without great notie, furpaite the fame ; abobe all, be fure you take care effusion of that neither the Bing bimfelf, not any one of bis Children blood; for oz Repheros (who Limoerstand are all to sup with the the shadow thing to megrow Bight) estape pour bartob, but be either of a man tertaken atibe, og killed ourright. Dabling fato this, the rifies a Mur-Libbard and Panther flood up, promiting to undertake therer, espethe charge imposed on them, resolving either to effect cially if it be it throughly, or to die in the attempt. The for thanks of an Allie in

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person murthered: as commands. that neither any of his Kindred Son he gives before.

ed them, and added, Wagethy Friends, we cannot be too circumfpet, oz warp in this matter ; therefeze I monte here the Fox fit to ule one police maze, aud it is this. Do pou two go to the Court to mogrow in the fozenoon, and acquaint the Thing that I am gone a bunting for to recreate mp felf a the King, nor little, because I babe lately been greatly wearted mith my multiplicity of bufiness, and also that the Lord Pits wood is bufte in preparing a Prefent for bis Baient. should befoa- Then d : pou enquire of bis & :ns and Dephems bom thep red; bis rea. Do, and be will answer, thep will all be bere anon : pou hearing that, may tap, pou will come in the Chening. and falute their Logospips. By this means pour approach in the Coening will be lefs tulpetted, and pour deffun much moze eaftip effected. They bearing this, bumbly thanked his Lozofbip foz bis lingular addice, which renhed their work to eatte, as they now had no doubt of ac. complifbing the fame. Then the for directing bis Speech to the other Lords, fato, As for poump Lord Pitwood, I leabe to Pour be leading of the Wan of the Body of the Grmp remaining; and to to pou str Bruin I commit the Care of the Bear. I prap, my Lords, be careful and circumfpet, command pour Soldiers to march with Silence; to foon as you are marched out of the forest, you half fee me wirb mp Sir bundged Soldiers. Pet 3 will not forn with pau, but march on one fibe, at a combentent distance, that I may the better obserbe tobat is to be done; and also, the more commidiously receibe intelligence, and gibe ingructions, or come into refrue if need be. Ap Intelligencers oz Scouts fall be Str Tiberts Mineage, ober wbom be bimælf fall be Captain. Abis is mp Determination, therefoge doubt bim not. And aithough in this my charge, I babe particularly fpoken unro four of Pou only, pet (as pour friend) I requett, and (as pour Chiefrainty command pou all to be prudent, and berp mary in pou preceedings, let each of you abbite, and encourage bis own Soldiers, and by Pour obedience to Pour supertors, teach them to be obedient te pour felf; foz thus botng, pou pour felbes fall reap the profit, and I be the more engaged to ferbe you in time to come. this.



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this, they all again premised to bazard Life and Fortune, and to be every one eaccording as he Hould be placed that day) obstient to his Superior. After this, they depart each to his home, for by this time it was very late.

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CHAP. XV.

How Sir Firapel the Libbard, and his Coulin Sly-look, revealed the whole Treason to the King, &c.

Athe morrow when Sir Firapel and bis Coufin met. they both looked left cheerful than they were mone; and therefore asked each other the cause of his fadness.

The Libbard first spake thus:

Relenting thoughts in prove dange_ Projectors.

Coufin. I am troubled with the thoughts of what me are going about; for I confider we babe no reason to be Coufpirators, Traptozs to our Soberatgn, because be neber in the least begraded of thiured us but always admitted us as Artends rous to grand and Companions ; and indeed be ta a Prince beferbing the lobe and not the hatred of all bis Subjects, much make of bis Lozds, and in an especial manner of the Lozd Rev. pard, and bis Uncle Hegrim, fince called Pirwood. West now engaged as we are, we are in fich a fireight as what

to do I cannot rell.

Then the Panther Cato, Trulp Coulin, I know not what to think, I babe been so perpleted all this night with the confideration of my Diffogalty, as Jam new eben at my Witsend. If we bewgap the Pict to the Bing, be is se well conceited of the Lord Reynard, as he will not beliebe us; and to toe are in danger of beard for falffe accusting bim, tobo is the falsest of all lithing, and totil not flick to ruin all us, to be map but escape bimiert. Besides, his language is so smooth, and be is so crafts and fubril, as it will be impositible to probe a rittle of all we can fap against bim. 20, no, sato the Libbard. If we having declared all to the king, request bim to derain us in bis Court but for one day, until our Lopalty be probed or disprobed, and in the mean white not be known we have bewraped the Plot; we when the time appointed is come, map look ober the Battlements and call to Sir Tibert (who will be fure to lie bery near, that he may gibe incelligence) telling him the king and his Sons are Dead.

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head, the I aid Reynard map now com. in fecurely; then me thall outchip fee cur leibes out o' danger, and the Authors of our trauble brought to condign ountibment. Coufin, fato the Penther. I ike pour C. liniel weil; but if we be detained in Corre all day, and come not with our Souldiers in the Evening to the place of Kendesbous, Reynard will prefently implithe matter, and let fall bis prefent orign. but immediately run to Court and accuse us. 'Als true. indeed, faid the Libbard, we are in a bad cafe if we rebeal the Areafon, and it is bery basardous if we rebeal it not. and any other de ; our canger will be the greater. There. foze, tince we are to fratin o, it is better for us of thefe two Chils to chuse the least, and speedily to reheal the Treason, let the ebeut be what it will.

To this the Panther consented; and so they went to- This Chapte getber to Court. Wiben they were come befoze the King, thew that and had between themierbes, they thought to babe forte, fome men but neitier of the m could fer fhame and grief. The faing are eafly noting their de jedes commenances, laid, Friends, well wrought upare point fad ? D sir, faid the Libbard, the confert on to confert of pour Dajeffes ciemency, and our clon unionethinele, to treaton. the came tour prefent grief. They (ato the Bin) fpeat yet will very pour thus : Because Str, said the Patither, toe bade beet unwill nely to unworthy, and indeed to falle to pour Spateffy, as to put the fame knowefa Arraich (intended againft pour K pal Perial in Pratice; Crown and Dignity) to, at leaft four dayes, and nor to te but ra her, to beeitr ; and ibat auteb mett of all perpiered us, to that firethemtoe gabe our condities, and promifed to aid and affili the feives reveal Araprozs againti vour Bajefip.

Dere the Bing interrupted bim ; faying, Treafon ! and as here the would babe fpoke moje, but for rage could not at pettent. Liebard and In a little time bie weath abating, be dering faid, Cabe Panther die be the Lragroze: at which words the Paniber and Litbard trenibled exceedingly, and laid. The be those a rators who billed ally compired your Majetit & Death. Loc Bing bearing this, knew not what to lay, but supposed they were mab. Theretize be again ashed riem ; Tagar,

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do pou accuse pour selbes, are pou Traptozs? Pes, we are; said thep. Iden the King said, would pou have pardon? Pes, said they, if pour Pajesty so please. Pleased I am to pardon all that of themselbes make complaint sirs; therefore I bere pardon pou, how foul soebel the Treason be, provided you will reveal the whose Conspiracy, and Conspirators. At these words they rook courage, and (after Obersance) said, some will not only reveal the whole Treason equip, from point to point as it is; but will also (if your Pajesty will at by our addice) deliver all, or most of the Traptors into your own hands, to deal with them as your Dighness shall think sit. Mess, said the Ling, still let me know the Conspiracy, and Conspirators.

Sa thep in all prints declared the whole Treason and Traptors, from beginning to end, as you habe beard. Then the king faid. Dato fap peu, all the Lozde! Des. sir, faid thep, from the bigbeft to the loweft, there was not ene it at confented not. It is true indeed Sir Tibert was nor at cur Deetings, but be muft needs be paibp to it; fez he is made Captain of the Scouts that are to go befoze the Army ; and undoubtedly be may be feen in cz about the Court this night, if a diligent fearch be made foz bim. The Bing bearing this, was abobe measure troubled, and would ofren babe fent for Reynard, bad not his eldelt Son, and his Diber Friends prefent perfwaded bim to the contrary ; fap. ting. Wile habe offen heard pour Bajefty fap, pou babe twice labed Reynard from death, and that his Lopalty of late had to far repaid the Mecompence of all his feamer 19. formeancurs, that von had no caute to repent of all, or any of pour labours. Dath it not been too roo often feen. that some who receibe greatest Benefits, are most ungrateful to their Benefactoze? And is there not a Proberb. Save a Thief from the Gallows, he will hang you if he can: All this is true, faid the Bing, but fure our Coufin Reynard is net a Trartoz. Tothis, bis Son and Friends fato, Sir, while pour Wajelip is of this mind, the deprb of this Treafon can never te fufficiently known; for it Reynard be fent for, be will seny all; and if be be guilty, as toe beilebe

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be is) accuse others most maliciously, and so (if pour spa=4 well mean jefty gibe credit to bis words) escape bimfelf, and another ing man can time put that in practice effectually, which now (we have not easily be good reason to bore) be can never be able to accomplish, perswaded to awith thefe and the like words, the Bing was withdrawn entertain bad from his intent of fending for Reynard the For. There thoughts of fore be turning to the Panther and Libbard, faid : Wibich any one, that boap can pou enerbate this Treaton, and deliber the hath former-Traptors into cur bands! Thep antwered, 99 Logd we ly been his think it not posible to deliber Reynard bimfeif, because be friend ; as apalready intends to come laft ; and in furpgifal of the other pears here by Lozds, Come one og other of Tiberes Lineage will enter in the King, who among them, and then feeing what is done, acquaint Rey- would not nard there with ; but for moft of the other Logos, we may believe that make fure of, befige any thing of our thrent is percetbed, it Reguard was a Tibert, who will be fure to come this night, enter not with Traytor, &c. us into Court. For if pour Bajette will be rightly informed by the effect, and be refolbed to take pour Traptors acting their Treason, we must babe leabe to depart and go to the place of Kendesbous at the time appointed to meet the Soldiers by us lebyed, which will be near fig bundred; with these Soldiers we (wirt pour Majesties leabe) will enter the Court, and left Tib.re fould discober our intent, will counterfeit a fight, as againft pour Bajefites Buard, and then rufbing in, totil by and by crp, all is cur chin. Tomben this is done, one of us will call to Tibert, and fend bim away, telling bim we habe flain all the For ordered fould be flain, and charge bim to make bafte. Thus we hall accomplift aft things well ; and undoubtedip, before intelligence can be given to Reynard, intangle molt of the Publes in their own Act.

The Ring liking the project, confented to their departure; and to foon as be bad difmiffed them, be confulted Here is also with his Friends what to dosthep addife bim to double his shewed how Guards, and to call in as many of bis Friends as could be necessary the called in to fort a time : but that all might be kept fecret, advice of not to acquaint them with the prefent danger. The King Friends is, iz otd all things as they addited and ordered all pribate Abe a time of nues great danger.



nues belonging to the Court, to be stopped lest Tibert 02 and of his Lineage hould enter thereat.

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CHAP. XIV.

How the Forces of the Lords met at the place appointed, and how Firrapel and S.y look entred the Court, and the finared most of the Consederates, and among them Trebert the Cat.

Sar Firrapel the Libbard, and Sly look the Panther, were na fooner un from Court, but they baffed all they could to Reynard, tobo was at home waiting their coming : for the tobole binge of his bufiness depended on their Intelligence, bow iquares went at Court. When they came near bis Cadle, be came forth and met them, and faid-199 noble Friends pou are welcome, bolo istr pou flared fo long ? To this they andwered, Bott excellent Lod Reynard, after we had fpake unto the Iking according to the Infirmations we received from pour felt's be emeriained . us with a large discourse of your Berits, telling us bate biably be was cleased with your Lardibips great bills Here is Treagence, by which be could take his pleafire without fear of for repaid care, adding many fuch the expressions too long to be now with Trearecited: we were confirmed to hap by this creation, chery. otherwise we had waited en pour Lordftip feiner. All is well, fato the for, you are come foon enough. I would have you now to mind pour libes, and fee pour soldiers be all well armed, for fear of the word, because you know, it is eftered that you give the outer. To this they replied, My Lord, we are ready to they pour command, and to they departed about their Lebies, but not with the fame intent as Reynard supposed, Do foon as it began to be dark, the Boldiers in Aroops repaired to the Foren, where their Lords were ready to attend them; and toben they were all come, they embatteled them as foon as was possible. Reynard's Espial gibing him intelligence they were all ready, be gabe command for their Warch; accozdingly Sir Firrapei and his Coulin Sly-look marched out with their Sir hundred Soldiers, habing not many Wolfintiers out of the other Companies, because each Lord Arobe

to babe moft Soldiers. Reynard met this forfern Bope. and fainted the Leaders bery courteoutly, but spoke not loud. So on they march until they come to the Courtgates. To ben there, they fand a little and make a pre-Liended Cuffie with the Bings Guard, who well knew the Istnas mind, and fo refifted bur coldip. But befoze Sir Firrapel was entred bimielf, be charged Tibere the Cat to wait in one certain place without the gate, that be might the better inform bim bow fquares went; and be, when it was time to be gone, babe no let; withal charging bim to command bis Soldiers to lie close round about the Walls of the Court, that if called to on any fide, they might prefent. ip be ready to run and gibe intelligence. Tibert aid as he was commanded. Boto when Str Firrapel and this Coufin Sly look, with all their Soldiers were entred, and had flap. ed within feme small time, Sir Firrapel failed not to call to Tibert alcud, faring, the dar is our own, bafre quickly and tell our Logd R ynard, that all are dead whom he com-manded hould be killed. Thert bearing this, fent two of his Soldiers to the Lozd Piewood, who was not far with the whole armp, to tell bim the Rewes; but ran bimfelf to the Lozd Reynard and faid. Ad ir noble Lozd, pour renowned Captains Firrapel and Sly look babe fully executed pour Lordibips commands, and all pour Enemies are dead; this they bade me tell pou. The For bearing this, Caid, It ta good Rews indeed, if it be true: True, Sir, faid the Cat, 3'le warrant pou. Debertbelefs the Far ithe an old Soldier would not beliebe the first report, but fent away fons believe Sir Tibert, commauding bim to enter into the Court, if peffible, and then to tell bim whar be knew. In the mean by Hear-fay, while, Reynard commission Pitwood the Wielf to march up but require a to the Court gates with the whole Army embattelled as they were, and then to make a frand, and call to bim all the Commanders to adbife what was fit to be done, frill (as before) wishing bim to proceed wartly, and to be well informed, befoze be attempted any thing. But the Wolf being ober-credulous, and abobe measure joyful at the Retos be had heard, foggat all counsel of wariness. Therefoze, being come

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come up, be found Sir Firrapel, and bis Coufin Sly-look, Randing without the Court-gate, with all their Soldiers ready embattelled within. At this fight, be was confirmed in his former conceir, and therefore flerping a little be. fore the Armp, te faluted them, congratulating their profperous fuccels. To this they animer, The indeed, Covetous and noble Lord Pirwood, bid at firft find fome refif ance, bilt greedy mindour Soldiers couragioufly fighting, foon obercame the Guard, and then the Bing and his Friends were without gerting all difficulty dispatched. Down my Logd, if it be your pleafure to walkin, and if your Ponour will fend fog all the good and Commanders, we may the better confult tobat is fit to be wholfome done within, when we are all together; and beildes here counfel given is flore of Probifions which were left of the feaft. Bere them ruth the Welf interrupted ; Probifions Sir, faid be! I am in headlong uptruth bery bungry, babing walked about all this night; on their own and with thefe words proffered to go in. Then Sir Firra- ruine, where pelfaid, I befeech pour Lozofbip firft to command the Ar. matter of mp to fland fill embattelled as thep ate, and then to fer d profit is for Sir Bruin, and our other noble Commanders ; other- frewed as a wife if pour Lozofbip only enter pour felf, the other Lozos bair. will fulped fome Areafon is plotted by us, and fo an irrecoberable diffradicii and danger will follow. It is well canfidered, Sir Firmapel, faid the Wololf. So the Wolfe prefently commanded the Army to flap and reft themselbes there, where they were, but that the Commanders fould all repair unto bim. noto gone into the Court. Wibich order was fearceip well understood before the woolf was entred teltbin the Cint-gate, be was in fich baffe to fill his telly, as he appuled be thould. Low with him Sir Tibert would have entred, but the Soldiers ditigently hatching on parpole to prebent bim, (for they had order foto d.) put bim by, faying, be might come in anon after the Robles, adoting aifo this, Dere is not fo much room mirbin as to let in every one that comes. matted till all the 1.20s were came to the Gate, and feeing the guard of Soldiers to open themselbes to make way for them to come in, abbifed a Dephew of bis to enter in at one fide of the Gate, and Alpheticen the Soldiers leas,

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and fo get in. Dis Bepbeto old fo, and was in. Tibert himfelf walked under Bruin's beilp, and fo was admitted uneipted; after Bruin ibe Bear. all the other Comman. ders walked in, not one was miffing, ercept Birelas the Ape, who was gone to bis Coufin Reynard ; whether fent for by bim, or because be suspected ive Treacherp, to not known. When all were within, the Court gates were But ; and all the Lords were immediately laid belo of. and secured; also Tibert the Cat with them; but bis A2: phe w feeing what was done, in great fear leapt ober that Soldters bead, who would babe taken him, and fo escaped: bir Firrapel imderflanding that Tiberts Beptein was gone. mew it was bigh time to difrerle the Army. Therefore me with four hundred Soldiers fallped out upon them, charsing them (who were before disordered in so furious a mammer as molt of them fied, leabing their Arms bebind them; many of them were taken Piffeners. and fent into the Court; but fome fem escaped and ran to Reynard's C. m= panp.

CHAP. XVII.

How the Fox consulting with his Uncle Bitelas the Ape, returned to his Castle, and diminsed part of his Soldiers.

The For greatly perpleted at the ruine of his Army, of which he was too too furcip informed to the Ruin-aways, and habing just before understood have all the Paties were betraped, he was almost at his toits end. Bitelas the Are seeing his Coulin Reynard so esceedingly obsercome with grief, sate, Counin, it is not the first time pour habe deen in danger, and per habe overcome all difficulties, why not used: Ah Contin, it is not the first time pour habe deen in danger, and per habe overcome all difficulties, why not used: Ah Contin, it is not the first time pour habe deen in danger, and per habe overcome all difficulties, why not used: Ah Contin, it is not then have all difficulties, which is a least was but taken much sage. And I too well know, that the greater any one is, when he falls, his fall is so much the more danger aus. Isosope I besed some setto only, and these not confide rathe persons.

perfons; but now I babe displeased the Bing bimfelf, and Great difaftall bis moft intimate friends ; therefege 3 muft needs be ers aftonifh urteripundone. But Coulin, fato the Are, babe pou not the moft pomade tome Probifton befege band to fecure pour felf in litick, efpecithis time of need? For every one that is wife, will always ally when the probide for the worft. Per Uincle, I habe done as much as knowledg could be, for I fortified my Caffle long befere, and babe thereof flozed it with all forts of Probifion : but pet I am in a comes unexberp great ftrait : If I daw all this Company into Ma- pected : as lepardus after me, their number is to great as I fall not here is fren he able to bold out a long Stege, effectally if all the in the Fox. pribate Abenues of my Calile be flopped up, as they toill who alto be fure, if the laing with bis forces thall come to fit though beboton befoze it. for fo foon as I, or my Soldiers fall be fore never retrained from fegage, fo many mouths totil quickly be had a fhitt to hour all. And if I deaw not in with me a fufficient mim feek, yet now ber to make fallies our upon mine Enemies, then thep is fo confounwill addenture to frozm of blow up my fort, and what ded, as he that become of us then? Aruly, it is an hard case Cou-knows not fin, said the Ape, but cheer up; and first of all withdraw which way to from this place, leabing the isings high war, and betake which way to pour felf and Soldiers to Cobert, in some by Lane, that turn himself. if the Bing purfue, be may not find pou. Abus deing pou will babe fome respit to determine of your Warch. According to the Ape's addice, the For tolthorewinto a by-Lane with all bis Soloters. Then his Uncle a: gain said to bim, Low Cousin pou need fear no surpeifal, at leaft for an bour or two. If you like not to baffen to your Cafile, and there to abide the brunt, what is your determination? I cannot at all judg it lafe for us to go to the Ming, especially while bis rage is at such an beight, as it muit needs be at this time. Aberefoze I judg, nothing will conduce moze to our fecurity, than to protract the time, the best was we can. Indeed Uncle, late the For, I think it will be best to do as you fap; but the many mouths we babe to feed, will endanger all. Touby Couffir, you have a remedy fer that. Inoto you not that three or tour bundred in a fort, will be able to refift ten thousand in the Fteld. Des Uncle, quoth the For. I

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twell know it; pet I would babe moze than three hundzed, pea moze than four bandzed Soldiers, if I were sure not to be diackt up too seddenly. Cousin, said the Ape, you must determine somewhat speedily: We ruled by me, I way, chuse out the weakest of your Soldiers and dismiss them, and retain none with you, but such as are stout and actioner Warriers. Lo this the For bearkned, and presentive dicharged three bundzed and odd of the weakest, but the strongest with him were near four hundzed, his Army being increased by the Kam-aways who were retained still both him; and because the night was sar spent, and be dura net abide where he was till day-light, be by a swift march came to his own Castle by peak of day.

CHAP. XVIII.

How the Fox was purfued, and many of his Soldiers that he dismiffed, taken by the Pursuers.

177 Den Firrapel the Libbard . as afozefbewed, bad rathed and dispersed the Army that lay befoze the Cart, nor long after it was thought conbenient to tend out other fresh Saldiers, in pursuit of the For and his C moany. The Leader of thefe freft Soldiers mas one of the Kings Friends, that supped with him that night. He having no guide to direct him tobere to find the For, bade bis Soldiers to lie in wait for fragiere. So they otd. and in a hogr time one of them laid bold of one of Tiberes Lineage, and cried out a Spp. a Sop; the Captatu bearing this, faio, bind bim and heing bim hither: When he was brought bound to the Captain, be asked nim what be was : be told bim, be was one of Str Tiberts Itinozed. . Well then, faid the Captain, go along with us, and few us the place where that Arapterous Logo Reynard is. So on thep went with this their Guide to that bery or Lane in which Reynard. and his Uncle Bitelas had been , but were gone. Then be again rammed the Guide, if be knew not where they were yone. The Guide told bin, whither they

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were gone be could not tell, for while they were with their Soldiers to that bp-Lane, be was fent out with feberal others to lie as near the Court, as thep could, to gibe notice if any marched out to attaque the Lord Revpard . And that be habing lain thereabout, did at length return to that place, but found neither bim, noz bis Soldiers, except some few that were dismissed up bim, as they faid, and were going to their own homes. Tabich map went thep, lato the Captain ! this wap Sir, fato the Guide, (pointing wellward from the Court) and if pou baften, pou will obertake them, for they go not falt. The Captain babing this intelligence from the guide, commanded bis Soldters to follow close. In a little time thep found two or three, and paffing further on, found feberal others by threes and fours in a Company; this courfe thep beld till thep bad gleaned upaimoft an bundred. Then the Captain fearing to be ober burthened with too many Prifoners, gabe command to purfue no further. So be with these Prisoners basted to the king, but be had marched out fo far in pursuit, as it was sun rife ere be came to the Court.

CHAP. XIX.

Of the Examination of the Traytors and Prisoners.

When this Captain with his party were come into the Court, and the King by him understood that Reynard was sted: He then, fearing no Enemy, commanded his Purbeyozs to being Peoplifion in abundance, that he and all his Friends might eat and he merry. The Purbeyozs made ready as foon as was possible, and the King and all his Friends dined bery chearfully; after this the Berbitozs dined, and what was left was given to the Captible Petioners; but the Arayerozs all this while had neither eat not deunk. Therefoze the King commanded, that what the Petitoners left, the Arayrozs should have divided among them. This was done accordingly, and they had no more, any of

them except Tibert, who by good fortune had a Mouse given him by a certain Soldier, who found it dead and trod on in the Court. Abis present was so thankfully accepted by Sir Tibert as he grantsed to requite him who gave it with

a greacer 13 orp, if eber he had his Libertp.

Taren the Bing and bis Friends bad dined, as we faid; The Bing lacking on Sir Firrapel and his Coufin Sly-look. 1410. Qum mp 12:ble Lords, I percetbe pon babe rold me a truth, pou babe in berp deed condinced me of that indich I could not othertotie habe beltebed, although inp incredulity had coft me mp life. I thank pour both for pour Hapaire, and all paump Friends tog pour faithful adbice and aff france. Dow I judg ir conbentent that the first gramine the Prifaners, and afterward the Traptors; that if we find any not gultp. we map difmits them. Then Sir Firrapel frond up and faid. Doble Peince, I do heitly beitebe that all the Capribe Pottoners are not quilto, for they were led by their Lords, but about tobat they cario not tell as by Gramination your Baieft will clearto find. Well then, faid the Bing let Reynard's Soldiers he fir fi called. So when they were brought before the Ming. bis Bajeft ached them, how they durft take uparms againfibimfelt ? Some of them answered, they were bired Soldiers, bired by the Lord Reynard, and by bim led forth the last night; but about tobat, or for tobat cause, ther neber knew, till some of the other Lords Soldiers runin among them, faring, the whole Army was either killed. or taken; then indeed (faid ther) we midrufted me were ied against your Bajesty, but pet of that could not te affured, because those that fled from befoze the Courtgares unto us could not tell who were their Enemies. only they faid, they who fer upon them came all cut at the Court gares. The King bearing the simplicity of their answer difmiffed them. and all the other Petfoners, firidly charging them to be ready at his Summons, when be thought good to built the Traptoz Reynard. Thep all bom. ing the mielbes promised they would couragiously fight againft the mings Enemies. So they all departed fafeip to their own bomes.

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This being done, the Bing faid. Dato mp Friends, I perceive that this is Reynard's work, it is managed forcettilp; for I plainly fee, that not one of the Commons is gutter of this Treaton, becaufe they theto not tohat they ment about. Ther fore ier the Lord Pitwood be firft called. So Piewood was brought in before the Bing and his Bit nos, wit Bellin's Bibn on bis back, quaking and tr mbling : The Bing no feoner fam bim, but be flernly Malefactors fato, Bull eff the Willain's difguife . that we may fee of bafe fpirits bim, as be is. Then did Sir Firrapel and bis Coufin and glutten. Sly-look timmediately tear of Billin's & wit, and when ous dispositiall the Company fato it was liegrim the Wiolf, they langh- ons, are in ed beartilv. As foon as they were all tilent, the wing their affiction faid. Then wreich, what moved thee to conspire my more dejected beath, who from a low and bile essare advanced thee to to than others; great Ponour! Is Treas n Religion! De, is Hurder than others; and Treason birrue in a Pries! At these words the and the ter-Batolf was fo frighted, as be più for fear. It length tour of puhe faid, The Lord Reynard gabe me prefente ofrett, and nithment is often Cyake to me, that I hould commend him before the most griavous Logos, at length perimade them to eftabliff tim in the to fuch, be-Boral Theene. And was that all fato the Bing : Des, caufe their all indeed Sir, faid the Wolf (and then pld again) er ept vexation arithat we must with bired & leters (who must know nathing feth not from before-hand of the Ususinels) come hitter and hin your the horrour Maierr and all the Koral Family and then for the Crown and det flation Reynard's Dead. Guough, enough, fait the Bing, on of their Take away the Willain, and chain him to a frake, and forepaffed to keep bim with thead and dirty water until I call for evils; but bim. Sothe Beeper tobo bad charge of this Policular, from a fense took bim away, and bound, and fed bim, according to the of being ut-Bings will. terly deprived

Then the thing called for Sir Bruin the Bear, who was of liberty to immediately brought and examined, and after Gramina-perfift in that tion was found to acknowledg bimfelf guilty of the Area-course of life. fon; only he pleaded, the Wolf and the Ape instigated him therero. So he was taken away and bound, and sed as the some. After him all the rest were called one by one, and all except Tibere consessed the same as Bruin.

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did, accusing the Ape and the Molf. But Tibert the Cat pleaded not Guilty; affirming as be was Secretary to the Molf, be was obliged not to rebeal his Pasters Secrets, therefore he was clear of this Preason. If so, said the Using, why did you lead a band of your own Lineage?

I led none Sir, but went where I was fent, faid the Car. Then the Bing fato, bow fap pou Sir Firrapel ? Wighty Prince , faid the Libbard, This Sir Tibert was made Captain of the Scouts (which were all of his own Lineage) by the Lord Reynard; and if Scouts know not what they go about, and go only where they are fent, I leabe that to pour Majefty to judg. The lating bearing this, faid no moze, bur, Away with the Traptoz, look to him Reeper. Aben the King arole, and be and bis Friends walked cut into the Court-walks.

CHAP. XX.

How the Fox with his Soldiers made incursions the next day fo eagerly on feveral of the Neighbouring Beafts, that they complain to the King.

Mring the time the For was in prosperity, and had abundance of all fhings, either giben by way of 122= fents. oz obtained by Delinquents fozfeitures, the Beighbouring Beafts, that dwelt not far from Reynards Caftle, bad ref and peace, and therefore without fear were went to walk abroad in the day-time all there abour. But when Reynard was fled bome in fear and great dan. ger, with bis soldiers, intending there to abide a Siege. and protract the time as I ng as was positible, (for be knew be was now thicapable of mercy) be on a finden fer forth bitch (wo burde o Soldiers, who be commanded all to go Mently alor. 3 by the Bedges which encompassed a large Warren, where many Conies dweit. These Contes Commonly fearless, and dispetting nothing, played and skipped a the most bout in the Son fine, as they were daily went to do ; but peaceable fudbenip Reynard with bis Soidiers rufbed in among feel the firft them, and flew two bundged outright peefently, all frokes of which he bore away to his Caffe. And immediately War. returned again, where feberal She goates fed their young ones, all which young ones be and his Soldiers Seized and carried home. Hany orber Incurtions be made

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made that day further into the Country, and made great habech and fpoff. At this all the Reighbouring Beafts mere a'arum'o, and refolbed to frand upan their defence. Wir taben they underfrood by the eldeft of the Goats and Conies, who it was bad done their Detablours this great wrong, they refolded joyntly to go together to the Court and complain to the Bing; for by this time they had all notice of Reynard's Areason and Bebellton; and therefore had no boubt but they fould be beard. So thep in the Chening came in troops to the Court-gates, where the Buard feeing them, demand the cause of their coming thus in multitudes : Thep anfwer. The are come to camplain to bis Baiefrp of the great Dutrages Reynard and his company babe committed. So the Guaro acquainted the thing, tobo immediately came forth to them; laying, Wabo is it that bath wronged pou! The Conies answer, If pour Bajefty be pleased to bear us, we will trulp declare what we babe fuffered. The Bing Cato. speak, we will hear pou. Then one of the eidest among them faid.

Dzead Soberatyn, Wie pour Pajestics peaceable Subjects, being imployed about out occasions in rending poung ones, dzew them fozth to take the Air in the mozning, the Traptoz Reynard Iping in wait (as it seems) with many Soldiers, suddenly stew two bundzed of us, (foz so many poung and old are missing) and bear away the Bodies to his Castle of Malepardus, foz there we saw him plainly go in with all his Soldiers, every one of them bearing one of our dear Friends, and Hinsfolks dead; this we could not have known, had not some of us adhenured to run after them, to see which way they went, and who they were. Abus sake the Contes.

The Goats also made a like complaint of sudden surprising their kids before they were aware. And all the other Beasts who had sustained wrong, exhibited their. Complaints with tears in their eyes, earnestly requesting his Hajesty to take compassion of them, and to abouge

beinge their cause of such a bloody Hurtherer. The King (in a rage spaking his curled looks) satd, We content, if I live I will abeing my self and you, on that cursed Araptoz Reynard, to morrow by this time, if possible. So they bowing themselbes bery submissible, departed.

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CHAP. XXI.

How the King with his Kinsfolks, and the Soldiers of Sir Firrapel, and his Cousin Sy-look, marched out of the Court to Malepardus, and there summoned the Fox to surrender himself.

Farly in the Boaning the Bing willed Sir Firrapel and bis Coufin Sly-look to command their Soldiers to make ready for a Barch, for be would speedily march te Malepardus, to be abenged of the Araptors Reynard and Bitelas. mubenthe Soldiers were readp. the Ming fets cut firft mith his eldeft Son, Binsfolks a Friends; then followed pir Firrapel and bis Coufin with their Soldiers, of whom, and of Serbitozs, one hindred were leit in the Court, to keep Buard there, and fecure the Pationers. Toben all that mere appointed for this Expedition were gone forth, the Court gates were diligently tour; and the Bing bimfelf being foremoft, made an bair, and turning bim to bis Son, fato, Son, I this day commit the leading of the Armp to pour izif, that if postible you may babe the bonour of finding out, and subduing the crafty and Trapterous Marlet Reynard. Therefoze lead as you pleafe, toe all will follow, as well was we can. So this young Prince bowing bimfeif to bis father and Friends, fato no maze but march on Sirs. And indeed be led fo bard, without tpeaking ought, as he got within fight of Malepardus before Roon. When he saw the place, be flood fill, and to dto they all. Then the Bing faid, now Son it will be good to reft bere a while, and in the mean time to confider what we have to do. First of all we would do our hest to learn of what Grength our Enemtes be, then whether it be best to besiege of assault them suddenly. Her if we do not one of thefe, our labor will be to no purpole. If thep will

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not come forth to fight us, we must either begirt the place with our Soldiers, and to by length of time flarbe them. at hiddenly with fire and (word endeabour to force the Caftle and fo ditbe them forth. Bis fon faid, mp Lord, to fend cut Scouts to discober what they can, is most necestary : but to begirt the Caftle, we habe not forces enough, net. ther is that conbenient at prefent, because toe know not the pethate Abennes and Diles belonging to the Caftle. ed the danger bow far they are extended, and they may happen to lie of stempting within them, and by that means when we only expect an Gneiny befoze us, they iffuing out, affault us bebind, and War without on eberp fide fudbenly. It is well thought on, fato the Bing. Aberefoze fend out some of the nimblest Soldiers to efpp whether they fee any pasting to and fro in the Ca. file. So Spies were fent, and charged to lie close at a good biffance from the Caftle round about. In a little time thep discobered feberal Beans laden with Probifions to pass in by holes under the walls of Malepardus; and no there not loaded coming forth further off, and among those Scours there was one, who fee the Carth call up juft befoze bim; be lping close a little while, at length fee Revnard himfelf putting forth bis Bead; but be efpping that the Coast was not clear, drew back : then did this Scout leap to the Bole, but the For bad filled it up to in that flegt time, the Scout could not fo much as put in one band. De by this fer a mark, and lap fill, at length be spped one of Reynard's Soldiers coming forth of another bole a ittle further off; bim be luffered to come guite cut, and then immediately feiged bim, and carryed bim to the Bing. Dibers of the Scouts fair like paffages, and some of them took of Reynard's Soldiers three or four other that were laden and going to the Caffie. Tomben all the Scouts were returned, it was found by their Melation. that none went into the Caftle laden by those pathate boles, but by larger boles juft under the Caftle-walls. The Bing bearing this, examined the four Prisoners that were taken laden with Piob fions firft; they tell bim. that the for and his Uncle Bicelas were within the Caftle. and that with them the Soldiers in number were not a.

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hobe Three bundzed sebenty-fibe in all, and that he had flore of Problitons of all forts; pet fearing the t moule not be enough, one half of the Soldiers were petterdap imploped in fogabing, and the other balf to dap; withat adding, if his Majeffy were pleased be might take near an hundred of them with their bootp in a fort time, for near comany were fill out, and had not returned fince morning ; because they who went our pefferdap bad so alarum'a the Couatry thereabout, as near bome nothing could be got. Then the Bing immediately fent out a great Party. here and there to lie in wait on every fide. Babing done this, be eramined the Soldier that was taken coming out of an bole that lead from the Cafile. De faid, that the Lozd Reynard (as be fill called bim) being informed bp the Soldiers, who returned into the Caffle with their Bootp, that there were Irers in wait, and that pour Majetty was near with an Army, was refolbed to go forth hp that Abenie where be was feen to put out bis bead, to fee whether the report was true, and finding by his own expertence that it was roo true, be prefently commanded me to run to the Soldiers that are pet cut, and bid them to reitre into Cobert till night, and then came bame ; ibis Thad done, bad I not been taken, as pour Bajefty fees. 53 the liting gabe command to fecure the Patfoners, ret that they fould be ufed well. After this, the Bing again conculting with his Logds, determined to fend a Sum mons to Regnard to deliber himfelf and Cafile into the Traycors ha-This Summons they judged conbentent ving forfeited to fend speedily, befoze the For knew what Grength the their Lives, thing bad, left in the night be should work them some grow despemitchtef. on Dir Firrapel the Libbard, with what Com- rate, and will pany be pleased, was appointed to Summon the for to hearken to no deliber up bis Caftle. Sir Firrapel accozotingly took Summons, forty Soldters with bim, and came as near to the Caftle but at the as he thought be might with fafety, and called aloud, hearingthere-Sir Reynard, Sir Reynard, bis Bajelip commands peuto of, are the Deliber up pour Fozt, with all the Ammunition pou habe, more enrainto his bands this night, otherwise he is resolved to nie ged. all extremity to sece it. By that time he had ended his L 2 Speech.

expeech, a hower of flones was poured down upon him an) bis Solot.rs, which burt many of them, and doubtlefe bio ther been nearer, mould habe bifled moft of them. Sir Firrapel thus antwered, baftens to the Bing, and thews him fome of bis Soldiers wounded. Apon ibisthe Thing refaibes to be rebenged; therefoze faid to bis Son. Dan, I fee it will be long work, and we babe not Soloters encugh to lap a Seige. Therefoze wben thofe pou babe fent out be come in, encamp pour feibes as fecurely as pou can, either in the place where peu are, og further off from the Caftle, not fatling to keep good Buard all night; and I in the mean time will return bome, and fend cut mp Mandates for railing the Country fpeedig, and then un-. Doubtedip we hall dispatch this bufinels to cur content. So the Bing went to Court, and bis Son encamped the Army, who for that night supped with what the Scouts brought in.

CHAP. XXII.

How the Fox's Soldiers in the night affailed the King's. Camp, and what enfued thereupon.

A Frer Supper the Warch was ozdered, and Efficers. appointed to change the Centries often, also to fet Durdues to lie round about the Camp. All this while the fer was not idle, but being extreamly discontented that he had loft fo many of his Soldiers (for the Bings. Scouts brought in abobe forty with their Bocties) Audied boto be might moft annop bis Enemies in the Right. A bereioze in the dead of the Right te fent out a party of thies builded, additing them to march fliently, and to encome afs the Camp round, and when they were drawn bery near to it in their encompfling, all at once to cry out aloud, 20m for the Lord Reynard; and then immediately to affaulc the Centries firit, and afterward the Camp it felf (for be buew the Enemy were encamped berp close to. getber, fo as three bimored Soldiers all in a file might conbeniently encompale it) on every lide. This party was

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led by bis Uncle Bicelas (for the For topuld rather lose all the Friends be bad, than endanger his own perfon) toho bero Aplo marched bis soldiers in the figm of an half spion, that so they might keep regetber, and per be in a pofture ready to begirt the Camp findenly. Abis enterpatie of bis was perceibed by the Pardues, and timely intelligence giben to the Lozd Firrapel, who himfelt watched. De therefoze on the orber fide of the Camp deto aut This Chapter bis Soldiers, which be bad in readiness, and orbioting thew how them in two parts, led one part bunfelt, and left the other provident part to the leading of his Lieutenant; then march they Commanders fortly round the Camp of two fides, to meet with the enervate and Dozns of the Gnemtes Balf-Soon, which they quickly fruffrate the. met with, engaged and routed, and purfued them till they policy and were defben close together, just befoge the other Bate of policy and the Camo, right copposite to that out of which the Lozo Enemies. Firrapel iffued; the other Sildters that were at reft in the Camp, being allarum'o, they flank their Guemies, who mere turned both wars to reifft the Lazd Firrapel and his Lieutenant; in this miserable plight, some throw down their Arms and petid themselhes Prisoners, others are flain our right, (among which Bitelas the Abe, their Caprain, was one) many raken, because of their Tolounos. which prebented their flight, and some escaped to carry the Dews to Malepardus. After the fight was done, they numbred the Captibes, and found them to be a bundred and Or, the bead they accounted not till morning; but then it appeared, that of the Kings Soldiers were flain fir, and feberal wounded; but of Reynards Forces fort eight, fo that of the three bundred that iffued out of Malepardus, there returned but a buildred and forty fit. Thus in one day and a night Reynard loft two bundged of bis three bunared sebenty sibe Saldiers, which he teared would be too many,

CHAP. XXIII.

How the King gave command to proclaim all Traytors that affifted Reynard, promising pardon to those that would defert him, &c.

Farly in the morning the news of this Widoge, and of the death of Bitelas the Ape, was carred to Court by one purpofely fent thither to acquaint bis Bajefty boto matters went. The Bing greatly pleased with the news, thought of another way to weaken Reynard, befrze the Countrey did come in. Therefore be by the fame Deffenger fent an expels order to bis son to draw out all his forces out of the Camp, and to march to Malepar. dus, as claie as mas conbentent, and there in his name to proclaim all Traptors that affifted Reynird, withat promiling pardon to all that would defert bim. Uson this Wellage the Kings Son deto out all the Forces be had (leaving not one in the Camp, for be feared no enemp) and marched directly to Malepardus; being thirber come. and within the bearing of those within, be commanded flence, and afterward caused the Creer to proclaim all Araptozstbat affifted Reynard, but prefent pardon to all those who would within three hours defert bim. Upon the bearing of this, near an bundzed of Reynard's Soldiers fled from bim, and came and offered their Serbice to the It is common. Bing. But ere this was effected, feme thoulands of the ly feen, that Commons toho bad been fummoned by the King, march. the followers ed toward Malepardus. The Kings Son feeing them. of Traytors fent out certain Scouts to enquire what they toere? thep anfiver, they were funmioned by the Bing to come and affift bis Son, in taking the Traptoz Reynard when they fee Poung Prince being glad of this Supply, did fortbrith a probability command them to begirt the Cafile. Thep accordingly the down befoze it all that day, but fee no enemp ap-In the mean while, the Bings Son ozbers the pear. Lozd Firrapel, and his Couftn Sly-look, to imploy their Soldiers to march at some distance round about Malepardus, that wherefoeber they faw any Abenues, og pathate boles. thep

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they might stop them with heavy stones; withal commanding to set out Scouts, who should ite close in manner of Purdues, the better to describe outgoing of the Enemies. All these things being done, no Enemy was seen, either to appear in the Casse, or to come forth by those private Abenues, (which as tast as they could they stopped

stopped) of by any other new made hole. Therefore now northing was thought on but a slorm, pet night being so near, they judged it not seasonable to begin the Mauk umit morning; in the mean while, care was taken that the Poles and Abenues hould be watched all night. This was acceptingly done.

CHAP. XXIV.

How the Fox's Castle was stormed, and all within it killed, only Reynard himself taken alive, as the Kings Son commanded.

Bold Adventures are hazardous, therefore the wiles of an Enemy should always be suspected.

F Arip on the Mogroto Caling Ladders being brought. and all things ready for a Storm, (the Soldters only matted for the word of Command) Sir Firrapel the Ltbbard was commanded with bis Soldiers to begin the ac. fault. But the fer who all this while was not tole, bad probided for their coming before band, and round about the Caftle Walls on the tuftbe bao otgged deen Trenches of a great depth, which food full of water, by bim drawn thither from a Spring, which floud within bis Cafile. Dber this Trench upon the Mails be bad made a falfe Battlement feemingly ftrong , on which wben tour bunozed of the Soldiers (commanded by Str Firrapel) bad ger up, the Barriements breaking down, they fail into the Arenches, where moft of them demmed one anutber in firtbing to get cut, the refidue were Billed bp Reynards Soldiers,

Ahis overthzoto perpleted Sir Firrapel and the Pzince erceeoingis; toz the positivity of twoming it seemed now to be taken away. Aberesoze the Pzince consults with all tis Friends about the pzeient Bunness. After a title time it was agreed by them to send upcerrain Soldiers to the top of the Wall, with exder not to attempt to leap down, what pzobocarion soeber was given, but to Poor and sing at their Enemies, if need were, and to espy how the Abennes belonging to the Castle bad their

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They accordingly march up round about the Here is feen Caftle, and met with no fmall probocations from the E. how Affailnemp (tobo were but few in number) pet thep oblerbed ants adventubobat they were commanded, and between whiles well ring too rashbiemed the Arench, and ober it they ecoped feberal Bito ly, are taught ges, many in number round about, pet all of them there by their own to narrow, as but one Soldier could pals a breaft upon lois to be afthem at once. This intelligence being gibentorbe Paince, terward more be commanded two thousand Soldiers to imploy themseibes wary. in opening the Abenues, and making them toider, which was fpeedilp done ; then be ozdered moze Soldiers to afcend the Wails, thereby to amufe the. Enemp, gibing them command to thout and fling, but keeping in their places. Tabille this was doing be fent in fix bundzed Soldiers through the Abenues, and commanding them to fight refolutely, and get ober the Bzidges, then to flap all they found in the Cafrie, except only Reynard himfelf ; and Promife of for their encouragement be promifed them among them full one half of the Booty that bould be taken theretn; and that if any died in the attempt (as be boped none bould) bis Wife and Chilogen hould habe all bis part du- necessary in Ip giben to them.

with this encouragement they boldly entred the A. benues, fome of which frunk to abominably, as the soldiers were almost poploned; nebertbeless thep baftned forward, and got to the mouths of those Boies where they plainly law the Bzioges, and Reynard's Soldiers franding bere and there one, berp near them. But by the mourbs of the Poles they faw another out-ler, one of which being opened, it was found to be one of them Boles by which the for's Soldiers were wont to enter, when laden with Booty. Apon this Sir Firrapel gabe command, that all the other Holes (which were as many as there were pribate Abenues) fould be opened; this toas accordingly done by the fir bundred Soldiers who were in those Abenues, but durst not benture ober the Bzidges. Row when they faw great numbers might speedily habe entrance that way to back them, they were encouraged, and beloly let forward.

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Det in the mean tobile Reynard's Soldiers attempted to pluck up the Bzidges , but because thep were for at, both from the top of the Walls, and also from the mouths of the Bales, they could not effect what they defired. Therefore as they gabe back, the Bings Soldiers came formard. and in a bery Witt time abobe one thousand got ober the Bzioges; then they flew about like wild Beafts, billing all they found, and indeed all that were in the Caffle died at that time; and Reynard bimfelf was knocke down with a Battle-are by a Soldter who knew bim not; but bis fellow feeing bim about to hill the For, faio, That is the Araproz bimfelf. Then that Soldier who bad knockt bim down, led bim out of the Calle, and carred bim to the Prince, who rejoiced exceedingly that his Enemy was taken altbe. Afrer tots, the Soldiers that firft entred. bad half the Booty, and the revoue was dibided among the whole Armp.

CHAP. XXV.

Of diffoling of the Army, and how Reymord the Forward carried Prisoner to the Court, and what passed after this.

A S foon as this work was ended, and the Castle demois shed, the Prince sent bome all those Soldiers who
were raised by Summons for his Assistance immediately,
and then with the two bundred Soldiers of Sir Firrapel that
remained alibe, and all his other Friends, he marched to
Court, leading the For along with them. A little before
Sum-set they were all come to the Court, where they were
welcomed by the King, with great expressions of Roy, only
some sorrow was intermited by reason of the loss of those
four hundred brais soldiers who were drowned and killed
by the For's policy. Therefore the King at that time before be said down, declared that the two hundred Soldiers
per libing spould be retained as a Guard soy his Person,
and over them Sir Firrapel the Libbard spould be chief commander,

mander, and his Lieutenant-General of all Forces that hould be raised at any time ever after, when need hould be. But unto Sly-look the Panther, Firrapel's Cousin, he said, As so, you my Lotd, I intend to consistute you the Reeper of my Prozes, and Steward of my Pouse. After this, he spake to all his Friends: praising their readings and balour; and to them he promised Gifts and Rewards, as soon as all his trouble was over; therefore be willed and desired them not to depart, until the Crecution of Reynard and all the Araptors was passed.

taben the ming had ended his Speech, his Son asked him, if he would fee the Araptoz Reynard? The ming answered, Po, not at this time, let him be bound, and dilegently looks to, that he escape not; Apon this, the Soldiers that guarded the For, haled him to the Prison, and there in a flinking bole chained him to a flake that was fir-

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Then the King royally feasted his Friends, and the two Lozds, Firrapel and Sly-look. Also to every Company of Soldiers he sent a large Pittance, so they all feasted right joysulf: But the Pitsoners in the bearing of all this were almost pined with hunger, especially slegrim the Woolf. After the Feast was over, and all the King Serbitozs had supped, they gave to every Pitsoner a sew scraps, and carreed into them a small quantity of dirty water. And indeed their usage was so hard, as they all even wished Death rather than Life.

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CHAP, XXVI.

How the Fox was brought before the King and Examined; of the Answer he gave; and how he and all the other Traytors were condemned.

O Le the As 2 roto the Bing fitting among bis Bobles and Friends, faid. I suppose it is now bigh time that the call Reynard befoze us. Ao which thep all affented. A herefore Sir Firrapel went to the Prifon, and commanded that Reynard fould be brought forth. Dis theeper prefently obeping langed Reynard from the fake to which be was chained. and by his chain led him into the mings Prefence. The Bing at the fruhr of bim was to fraught with Ire as be. could not fpeah, until a little time being paffed, bis furp mas allaped; then be fato aloud, Falle Wilcreant, boto bareff thou to hold up the bead, (fez the for feemingly unbaunted, Redfaftly looked upon the ming) who art fo loaden with Tites, as the word of all libing Creatures is not moze bile ! Wastt not enough for you (bale Traptor) to ble their fear infinuate into mp affections fo far, by Diffimulations (as till an aggra- now I babe great reafon to judg) as to engage me to inbeft that monfrouffy wicked and cruel Beaft Hegrim, with an their Crimes. Defice (due to the beft of Creatures) and Title fo benourable ; but also to persmade me to create perfidious Bruin. Carl of the Fozens; and latt of all (as if befoze pau han not been bile enough) to initigate thele and all mp Bobles at once againg me ; and all this for your oton bale ends. tobich can neber be accomplified ! Babe I bonoured pou for this end : De tould any Creature Ithing babe thought that he tabo I most bonoured, would babe comspired mp Muin moft : Wabat Capeft thou to this?

> To this the For Caid not one bood; but at laft buner bown bis bead. The Bing faid, fpeak tozetch, oz 3 mill pronounce Sentence againft pou fpeebilp. At laft the for Sato, 90p Lozo, I habe fo many Enemies that it will be tu bain to tap any thing contrary to what they babe affirmed;

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firmed; and fince I know I muft die; I bere befoze pou-Dajefty declare I am quilty of what is laid to mo charge. and would babe flain pour Bajeffy (for which I am note rigbr forrowful) if mp defign bad not been frustrated by the Treaton of Firrapel and bis Coulin. It ts ennigh, faid the Bing, call in all the other Traptoes, that as thep conspired together, so they may together bear their Sentence of Death juftly pronounced against them; and then their Crecution wall quickly follow. So all the Traptozs were brought in. Aben did the Bing with the addice of bis Friends, in this manner proceed to judgment. Since poul are all now together (ercept Bicelas the Aoe, who oted a dearb roo bonourable for bis merit) we judg it meet you Bould all bear pour fentence at one time. Therefore Reynard first bearken to your Sentence: Because pou babe Trapteroully endeahoured the Subberfton of our Bobernment, and Kopal Dignity, I condemn pou to Death, in this manner to be executed upon you. Frit, you hall be dragged contumeliously from this Place to the Place of Erecution, and there pour right band hall be cut off, afterward you wall be banged by the neck until you are dead bead. After death pour bead thall be cut off, and together both pour right band be fet up in publick bieto, on some confoicuous place, for a terror to all Traptors for the future. Unto the Wolf be also repeated the abobe-said words, and pronounced the fame Sentence exactly in all points. But on all the other Traptors, be ontp pronounced the Sentence of Death in manner and form as pou babe beard, except in cutting off their beads, and right hands, which was not mentioned in their Sentences.

After this the Pitioners were taken away until the place and time of Execution was fully determined, and a-

greed on by the Bing and bis Friends.

CHAP. XXVII.

Of the Fox's Confession, and the Execution of himself and all the Traytors.

Is the Sening of the same day that Judgment was giben, the King and his Friends again consulted regerber about the place and time of Securion. At lengthir was agreed on, that the place Hould be enthe outside of that Fezest, cut of which the Araptezs marched to put their design in execution. And the time, the next mixing early. In the mean while, that all things social be probled in readiness, and the Prischers have notice of their death

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12 in when the Morrow was come, and the king and bis Friends were gene befoze to rake their fandings commoof tiffy to aboto the Prefs; (which they knew would be great) The for bimielf, and all the other Traptezs were led out of their feberal Pzifons; then were their legs and bands tred, the Balters with which they were to be banged, were faltned about their necks, and by them they were dragged (with bourings and thours of the multitude) to the place of Grecution: Theben their Ladders were erected againft the Arees, (which were moze than enough to bang all the Araprozs) and each Prifoner, by bis Grecutioner. led up those Ladders, and immediately the Erecutioners falined the ropes to the Trees (suppoling they must be banged as foch as they came there) because it was the cuftem of their Country in other Cafes to bang Balefa. does prefently ; but the Bing fpake to the Erecutioners. and faid, Be not too hafty, it any of the Prifoners will purge bimfelf by confeffion be thall babe as free liberty as any one of our subjects bath, tobo dieth on bis bed. The for bearing this, faid,

Dread Saberaign, and you my Lozds bere prefent, I am not a little comforted, that I have liberty to ease my mind, which is forely burthened with the horror of my Sins, I

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fozit: Db Bellia, the death, and the great ruin that bath eber lince befell chp Family, is all the effect of my falle. nefe. The Bing bearing this, was extreamly troubled and faid, Wibat! habe me put to death a righteous perfen through falle information? Alas ! what have we done : To this the For faid, It is fo, n ble king, I am the perfon who wought fo great mifchief; and I also periwaded peur Bajefty to adbance Str Ifegrim the Wolf, and Str Bruin the Bear, for my own ends. I likewice was fo wicked, as designedly to gibe them and all the other Lozds Bifre and Prefents often, and then fpake to Ilegrim to per-Twade the Lozds to make me king in pour Bajeftes flead. as they tould babe done, if Sir Fi rrapel and ibts Couftn had not betraped us all. Besides, in all cases that ever were brought before me. I always more fought mp own interest than the execution of Justice, per was still feemingly just, by which means I gained to great Riches, as I not knowing mip felf, would babe been what your spajefty is, &c. Then the King faid to the For, Well Reynard, I babe beard you, and do now plainly perceibe, that if you had oted for pour first faults, pou bad not libed to babe perpetrated to great and enormous Crimes; therefore for the future, neither fair words, noz ought elfe fail oblige me to pardon Malefactors deferbing death.

The ming having said this, ordered the Erecutioner to de bis Difice; fo be immediately cut off Reynard's right band, and afterward turned bim off the Ladoer. In the mean while the Bing fpake to Sir Ifegrim the Wolf, and fato, Megrim, babe pou any thing to fay befoze the Erecutioner do bis bis Office ? Borbing, Dir, faid the amolf, (looking rogutfbly) except I was drawn in by Appetites) do the For's fubitity; and bis great promifes made me forget mp Lopalty to pour Majeap, and readily to abfolbe both him and Sir Bruin of their oath of fibelity foogn to er ruin them- pour Bajefty, and by me administred. Db erecrable Millain , faid the Ring , what! durft pou release any Subjett of bis fwozn fealty to us! After this the Ring would not bear bim enp further; but fpake to the Erecutioner, and faie, Difpatch this Marlet out of my fight

up ; and when men of low degree attain to great wealth and honour, they (not knowing how to bridle their inordinate v.rv often aspiring highfelves, as by this Hiftory is plainly evident:

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Ditchip. Sathe Grecutioner prefentiv cut eff bis band, and inen turned bim off the Ladder. Dert to bim Sir Bruin the Bear was asked, if be bad nuger to far ! bur be an. Cmered. 235 and fo was quickly turned off. After bim all the reft in ofder was asked if they would fay any thing before they died! but they all answered. They could far namoze than thep had already faid in their Gramination; therefore they were all turned off. After it was supposed the Traptors were dead, the Bing gabe command thep fo mild be cut down, and their bodies buried in one pir. Acceptingly they were all cut down, being all flars dead. errept Tibert the Cat, who fittred a little, therefore his brains were bear out by one of the Guard; and the boiles of them all were thrown into one Pit, ercept the Deads and right Dands of Reynard and Megrim, which were carried to the Palace, and there iet on Poles, placed on the uppermelt Lower of the fame, fo bigh as they might be eatlip feen by all that passed by the Court.

Thus have you as true an account of these matters as ever was given by any man that law them not. If you would know what this grand Treason produced, peruse the following Chapters which will inseem you more plain-

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CHAP. XXVIII.

How the King and all his Nobles returning home, ruminated the Fox's Confession, and what was the effect of their consultation.

When the Traptozs were buried, and the Pands and Peads of Reynard and Ilegrim fired upon Poles, as is faid. The King and his Robles (being come home) fat down together in the Court, all of them ponsering much the words of Reynard touching Belius death. At length the King (as one greatly perpleted faid, Hy Lozds, and Friends, it griedes me not a little, that our Chapl. Bellin, was long tince so basely put to death, and his Family ruined so, as I question whether

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Although in and of that Stock be unforemaining in the Totallo. pocent per- mis ant of the Bings friends (who was prefent inhen Hegrim was chife chief Pielare) falb, S beraign Lord. long remain toutist fo. for I am certain, that many of them were injured, yet that a ben legein was made Pielate; because I there in process of fa a gegraf of tham bit would not be known I fa o them. for fear of pair Buchtes difpieafire againft them. cause of their aure, sath the Bing, it is nit p ff ble! I suppose pour oppration the diction Pous baweber, if it were fo then, it is roo comes to le. pubable, that then are all dead fince, becalle the Sins a in Banded of Megrim, although berg numerous, bad all and then the of theat afairt-Sauns ilbe Bellin's (which Ifegrim henfelf mar) unt long after thee were confirmed in the Prieffly migh at head. Finition: for many mige of Hegrim's Intibed came furn bin after the chatce of the Commons, than were that oap prefent upon the Scaffold wirb us, and per all thefe tad fuch farr & dons, which they could neber babe bad. if to many of Bellin's tinoged bad not been firft flatn and firiot, &c Tothis, the fame Lozd repited, Dible Sir. Tam maft certain, that in fecrer places of pour Majefties Beatin, there are thaufands of them pet libing. Ir is well if irbe fo, faid the Bing. After this Difcourfe mas ended, the Bing again fato, to gthp friends, 3 too mell know, that we have confirmed the Pitenty Dffice. not on liegrim on'y, but en bis while Lineage and kin. bred, who are all rabenous Beafts boto of all goodnels; nav I think, the warft of all Creatures itbing ; although the If I up bis fubrilty blinded mp eyes, and Megrims prerended demere carriage altenated mp Judgment. Foz had boueft Bellin per libed, treacherous Reynard could never take thought of welking our ruin; noz eber could that curfed 39 fercant Ifegrim, habe contributed a: up aff flance to bis diffaral intentions. The poung Betne feeting bis fatber fprak with fo great earnefttufe, feld, Koval father, wip is pour Pajeftp troubied at the Abbancement of liegrims Lineage? let it be Signified by Pacclamarian, that in their father's Crime. thep babe ail figfetred thetr Dffices; and bettoes . that upon good and fure grounds, your Majefty well. anotog

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anotosithat they are the Defroyers of your Subjects and continually in their macked Dahite, and inder a prefence of Sandity they rob, and pill them fo bare as of tree Oity pour Bingdom muft be ruined if they be permitted to libe in all excess and rior; for of all the Brade under pour soaje flies Authority, there are n. ne fe debauched and bictous as they. This Speech of the Prince was feconded by feberal others of the Binge Friends. all inbeigbing bitterip agsinft liegrim's Lineage. The Bing hearing this, fald, Prudent ad. Sirs. wtartbink rouls beffrate dane ? Il weler afide vice to avoid this Generation (3 mean displace them of their & ffices) Vulcar cenard vet let them bold their Wealth. thep map in time fire. by their Kiches work no great wring. Anthie that Friend of the Bings who firft spake, faid, Dib'e Sir, to lay afide tits implous frech is honeurable; but to take away their weelth will babe no good afpet in the eves of the Uniger (whole centure is felocal right) because they will impute Nany men their difolacing to arife from no or ber cause than that they willingly are were rich, oz (to fpeak moze plainip) because pour Bejeft blinded, and mas disposed to seize on all they i ad. Therefore if pour by cunning Daieffp pleafe to displace the Cooltes. there needs no care sy ophants to be taken of the Thealth they tabe; for if other of pour oppressed; Subjects, whose eyes are epen, de but ence find that they because they are out of your Majefips fabour, which way the wealth of judg of things thefe Pifcreants muft needs ge, any one (without the belp as they apof Allrology) may eafily conjedure; because tobenfeeber pear, and not they are diplaced and out of fabour, there will be fo ma as they really np complaints made of their Ertortions, as fundoubted. are in them. le) all they babe will be roo little to make recompence for felves. the wrong they have done. Besides, it mene of all this be, thep are such monarcus & luttens as will be necessitared to eat up all in a fort time. Peu fap well. faid the bing; I heartip beliebe, if all those Wiolbes were but fiript of this their diguite, and compelled to put off their Masks and Furr Cowis, the Bitio then would as clearly fee as the Difquifes orber clear flybred Beafis pout freak of. It istrue, no confrain ble Ling, (laid the fame Logd) pull but off the Back, moft men to there needs no moge. Weleit then fato the king, that I judg amis. totil ner fatl to do speedilp.

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CHAP. XXIX.

How the King made Proclamation, that no Beafts should walk disguised in other Garments, than what were naturally theirs, and what ensued thereupon.

The nert day early the King caused a Proclamation to be drawn, the tenone whereof ranthus.

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timbereas leberal of our Sublests wear Disguises, and since under such Wasks and faise Habits, many spise chiefs have been committed, and some of those Persons allowed to wear such like Disguises, have probed Araptors to our Kupal Crown and Dignity; whe therefore will and command all our Subjects in general, whether bigh or low, of what state or condition soeber, that after ten days next ensuing the Publication bereof, they presume not to wear any Disguise whatsoeber, nor at any time, day or night, to walk clothed in other Garments than what are naturally their own: upost pain of being proceeded against as Araptors to our Kopal Crown and Dissuity. &c.

After the proclaiming and pulifbing bereof, Ifegrims Lineage were greatly perpleted, because there was not one of them, if in Office, but be wore a furr Gaton. which was not bis own natural Garment : Therefoze they confult together tohat was fit to be offe in fuch a time of affidien as this. But in all their confultati. ons they neber thought of mending their manners, but bow to infimate into the Bing's fabour, thereby to prebent this terrible flozm, that (thep fato) would make greatoft fpotl among them. But becaufe their Father liegrim, and Champton Reynard were dead, they could concethe no bope of obtaining ibetr end, unlefs by beibing fome of the principal Courters. Atts they refolbe upon, and though otherwise extream cobetous ; therefore ebery one liberally offers part of bis wealth, which being giben into the custody of two of the oldest among them,

those two journers to Court, and carry (excause to be car. Wicked perried) with them a great mass of A reasure, which they pre fous in diffress fent to Sly-look the Panther, who was lately made the think not cf Thing's Stemaid, and Reeper of his Spees; withal pro taking good teffing to bim, that they were utterly ignozant of their courles, but Fathers Treason, and therefore destred the Bings fab ur fludy how by and Protection, which if he would procure, as they doubted indirect not but be could, they would (upon receibing his Baje- means to acfites Ropal Parent, fez peeferbing them in their Difices quit themand Patita) gibe bim twice so much as they had now selves of the Brefented bim with. The Pantber takes the Prefent, prefent danand with a pretended fecrefte, causes it to be conbered in ger. Alfo they to bis own Lodgings; then be bids them wait a while, being unand be would mabe the Bing fin their behalf. Thep liap faithfulthemwithout in bopes of speeding well, but Sly-look thews all felves, can vethe Treature be bad taken, to the Bing, withat telling ry rarely find bim, bow he came by it, and for what end it was prefent ed bim. The Bing bearing bis relation, and feeing fo friend, as apgreat a mais of thealth, with a promife of twice fo much; feared they would (being fo rich) be able to injure bim at one time ez other; therefoze, befoze be would on, here relet the Panther gibe any antwers to the two Wolbes, laced. be addited with his Logds and Friends thereabout. Taben they beard the whole matter, they told the ling, if bis Spajetty pleased, they could easily rid him of bis fear3 for, fap thep, let pour Steward Sly-look pur them off for this time, with a delap, faping your Bajeffp is not at letfure. When they come again, let bim tell them, unless they being bim moze Treasure, be will not trouble bimfelf in the bufinels, og the like. If the Steward manage bis affairs well, be may easily get all their Maealib into bis hands. To this the thing faid Jam content to leave the butiness tobolly to my Lord sly-looks diferetien. Therefoze my IL 20 (the Bing turning bimielf to the Panthei) Sly-look, 3 gibe iou as large a committen as pen will, provided pan d. not in my name pa mile a continuation ot their Digutle. Lie Paniber guesto the the Wolbes, tells them, bis Bajefip to new ber? bufte in Council, theretize be can do norbing till the nert

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nerroup, then lo fron as be understood they were come, be would speak to the King. But nert time they came, he told them he had presented all that they gave bim, to another Logo, and left himself northing; so be perceived they bad but so Friends in the Court, therefore he should need much more Areasure than they gave bim yesterday, other.

orber offe all be could do would fignifie nething & foz. faid be, tilets then four Lords be engaged f 2 von, when your buffnels come rothe W te, it will be hap Mible to carry it. Watth thefe and like Gr wefft and be der almeft all the Totalth of Megrims shale Lineage into the langs Coffers; e at length brought in thefe two Wallb a before the Bing. Taben the Bing fa w them. be faid, tobar do you already begin to tread the fleos of the Arapide pour Father: Thep anfwer trembing. 12:, and to pleate pour saieffp. talby then did pou bito' my seward with fo great a mafs of Wealth: more I fear, than eber pay came binealp Arthis, they flood amaged, and kulto nit obar to Then the Bing (turning to the Panther) faid, App Lord pau babe their Trea ure, fee ir be utet ofminifbeo, noz mired with any of my mine, for I purpoie, now 'tis bere, it hall be kept until 3 am batter infigmed touching this perficious Generation; for I infpect, I hallere long babe to many complaints erbiblied against them, as all this Areafure they have brought, and much moze, will not repay the damages they have done. In the mean while (curning to the Malbes) he faid, See pou d'mean pour felbes peaceably, and when the dare of our Proclamati. ou is out, be fure that none of pau be found in this Difguife; fuz whofoeber be be that prefumes to wear a Dif. guite one day after that prefixed rime, be shall certainly die as a Traptor. As to pou Offices, Id not take them from you prefently, but as you demean pourfelbes, to you map enjoy them fometime longer, or but toz a berp fort time ; the laft of which I rather think.

Babing faid tits, be difiniffed the Lords, who were fat in Fountel with him. So the Tatolbes departed fad enough.

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CHAP. XXX.

How the King desirous to see some of Eellins Kindred, caused three of the oldest of them to be sent for, &c.

When the cause of jealousie is removed, cheersulness necessarily follows.

A frer the waealth of the Wolbes was thus taken, and the Bings jealouffe thereabout affapro, be became bery pleafant and merry; and in that merry mood, faid, My Friends, I hould be glad to fee feme of the Kams Bindied; therefore if any of you know them, curpleafure is, that be go to them, and bring two or three of the oldeft among them, befoge us. Then the Lord. tobo bad befoze told the Bing there were iboufanosof them libing in fecret places, fato, If it be pour Soajefties pleasure to fee any of Bellins fick. I can eaffly fartefie pour Bajeft therein, foz I am familiarly acquatis ted mith many of them, especially with Bellins Grandien. and two moze of the Eldeft of them, who by reafin of their discretion, babe retired themselbes from the furp of the Bear and Wolf, and libe tafely in a small piece of ground well fenced. The Bing bearing this, laid, Send for the three you fpeak of, or go your felf and feich them. So that Lord immediately went to the Abcadoto. tobere thep three owelr alone; and first faluted them (as be was wont at other times) afterward told bis Errand, withat in what condition the Bindzed flood, and bow they were like to lofe their Offices They knowing the reality of their Friend. suddenly. doubted nothing, but beent along with bim to the Court. Tomben thep were thitter come, thep by the fame Lozd, were breught into the Bings prefence, who locking cheerfully upon them, faid, I am glad to fee you indeed, for I supposed you had been all destroyed before this time. I do confele, when I gabe my confent to the publifting that Cott, I thought I bad done that which toas right; but fince underfranding by the Araptor Reysard saun words, that be was the Qurtherer of Kayward. and not your father; I heartily repented of what I bad

trad done. Therefore before pou depart from us, toe will And a good abolifb that law, and ebery part of it totally, as if it had Prince, haneber been. Acceedingip that Law was repealed and made ving once bold that bery day, and Preclamatten made, that if any confented to Beaft whatfoeber committed any outrage against any of the wrong of Bellins Lineage, poung og old, thep fould die fog it. Upon others. this, there three perfons were to well fatisfied and affured through the of their peace and lafety, as they came daily to bilit this perfidious Lozd, and femerimes went into the lating bimfelf, own actings of ing bis fabour and protection as the greateft bappinels treacherous mar could befall them. Alfo the Bing bimfelf delighted perfons, is nein their company bery much; fog feeting their fimplicity ver fatisfied and good behabtour, be was not a weary of feeting them, till he bath but lather thought they were long absent , if he saw compleatly them not once a day.

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CHAP. XXXI.

How the Wolves behaved themselves in their Office after the Date of the Proclamation was expired, and how they were fuddenly ruined.

Bothis time the ten daies erpzeffed in the Bings Poclamation were fully ended, and the wolbes (much againft their wills) had laid afide their Difguifes. Upon this whenfoeber any one of the Commons came to any of their Boules to commune with them, or prefent them any thing; fo foon as be faw the wolf (not masked) he would run away as hard as he could; and acquaint all be mer, that be went to one of the Pzelates Sons, and found none in bis boufe, ercept a Wolf looking gaftip upon bim. The Walbes percetbing they were utterly undone, if their Citents Could be confantly thus frighted, knew not what course to take : therefore the subtilest of them, toben any of the Commons came either to fee them, or to pay their Dues, or to prefent them with ought. lato themselbes dewn, pretending they were not well: and that they might not be feen as they were, they (pread ober them a Coberlet of some other skin, (as

recompenced that wrong as far as is possible.

Wolfith Natures when openly feen, are abominable to all.

A they were laid in a Sweat by the Phylicians order) and fo under that would freak, adbiffing them to leabe what thep brought, in fuch or fuch a corner of the Boufe. Abis this beld water a while, but long it could not; for the mod inconfiderate, and the roungest of the Wolbes would rather run the basard than be farbed; therefore thep again put on their Gotons, and fuch as came to them then. were not frighted, as the other (who faw them without thole Botons) bad been. But fo foon as this toas bla-3ed abroad, fome of Bellins friends came to the Boufes of these foolist zmolbes, and well marking them, said nothing, but went and immediately informed against them; offering to probe their contempt of the Bing and bis Laws. Withen this their Kelatton was beard by the Bing, be fent for those wolbes, and after proof made of their contempt, be banged up Sebenteen of them; for no more were then taken, the other being fled for fear. The Execution of thefe terrified all the other fo. as if you would babe perstoaded them (with an aff.irance of neber to great fecrefie) to tabe put their Bomns on again but for one minute, they bould not babe done it; nap, thep absolutely bated that Barb eber after. Be this means the Wolbes were in extream penurp ; and needs muft fobe ; fog in a berp thoat time it bas another to all the Commons, that the Lineage of Pirwood, and be bimfelf, bab been, and were, all bery Wholbes ? and that furr Goton which Pirwood himfelf thoze, and all the Gowns of his Lineage, were the true and natural Garments of Bellin, and Bellins Bindged, tobich Garments they tent from them, as ofren as any one of that Mace fell into their banda. The matter being thus clearly brown. the ming bad no need to think of displacing them; beeaufe their Offices fell from them immediately after it was fully underflood what they were. For all the Commens oto not only fly from them, but also banded together against them; and if in the day-time any one of them fitred abroad, be was in danger of bis Life, they all crying, & wolf, a wolf, kill bim, kill birn. Ebte bard ulage made the Blothes to heep rlofe.



and not be seen adjoad at all in the day-time; in the night they of necessity must go sozth to purbey soz stood, and accordingly they old, but always in sear of being taken; so as they ever after led a poor and miserable Life, until they either died, or were sozgot. CHAP.

CHAP. XXXII.

How the King rejoycing at the Wolves ruin, distributed their wealth among the Commons, and then openly Thewed his love to Bellin's Kindred, and commanded all his Subjects to follow their Instructions, &c.

177 Ben the Bing law the effect of his Proclamation. tobar a ruin it bad brought on liegrims Lineage, he was bigbly contented in his mind, and faid, (to that Lozd, tobo before fato, Bull but off the Bask, and there needs no moze) now my Friend the Wash is off, and there needs no moze. With roat, the fame Lozd bowed bimfelf and faid. Pour Baiefty to now freed from the care of difplacing them. But who would babe thought, thep fould to fuddenly babe been ruined: How could it be otherwife, fato the Bing : certainly the Traptoz Reynard well knew. that Megrim would neber babe been admitted by the Commons into bis Office, bad be not woon that Difquile. Foz Megrim and bis whole Aribe were always bateful to the Commons, and would always babe been to, if Reynards policy bad not been observed and put in practice by them. Bestdes, Isegrim (for bis own part) carried bimself so demurely, and toate to feldem, as eben 3 mp felf was moze than balf perfmaded, he changed bis nature, and with his new Cown put on anorber Bature, directip contrarp to that of his own. But I now clearin fee, that a Wolf will be a Wolf what Coar for ber be wears. Abere-The true Em - foze I am beartily glad bis whole Lineage is at this time blem of a No - reduced to their patitine candirton. Bebertbelefs, that may not in time to come be upbraided by any of those ungrareful Beafts, with the retaining their Treasure. I I will speedily order the distribution of the same, among the Commons in general, especially amongst those who babe fuftained damage op them-

ble Prince.

The nert day the Bing called all his Lords and Friends m Council, where be declared his intentions of diffributing.

ing the Treature of the Woldes among the Commons, and principally among such as had sustained loss, or injury by them. To this there all assumed, applicating the Kings Wheness. Then the King commanded the Logd Sly-look, and his Cousin Firrapel the Libbard, to order the destribution thereof with as much equity as was

poffible.

Pow while this was a doing, the Bing againcalled bis Lords and Friends about bim, and faid, Warthy Friends, Tale unabbifedly and through falle accufarten condemned our Chaplain Bellin, and bis Binded; therefoze, fince our erroz is discobered, and the Burther foz which Bellin was condemned, is acknowledged by Reynard that falle Traftoz, to be perpetrated by blinfelf; it come cerns us in tome ertraozdinary manner to recompence the great brongs that Family bath fullained for fo long a time, and all that through a misunderstanding of ours. and through too great credulity of what we faw: for though Bellin brought Kayward the Bare's bead to us. pet the For flew the Bare, and put it in his own Wale, and then tied the Wale about Bellins 32.ch; through tobich norozious crime craftip bailed, by that werched Micreant Reynard, our judgment was decetbed, Bellin was put to Death, bis Lineage made a prep to the Bear and the wolf, and we and all our family brought even to the beins of ruin.

These words were intered by the King with so great earnethess, as all his Lords and Friends were very much affected therewith; therefore they said, It is in your Majedies proof to bonour and respect them as much as you please; we all will readily obey in what-soeder your Majedy thall command thereabour. The king bearing them thus speak, said, Morethy Friends, since you so readily have offered to solve our commands, we accept the same himsely; and therefore will now offer what we think must expended

dient in this cafe.

Pour all know, we by our Proclamation have alread taken them into our Protection; yet you not we our fell cannot

cannot suppose that a sufficient recompence; therefore, fince ratte the Dead we cannot, to the Libing let us theto as much kindnets as thall be conbenient; for toben the Commons perceibe that we not only protect, but also respect Bellius Bindzed, thep in imitation of us will do the like. And that our refpect, and the good opinion we habe of them, map the moze certainly be knoton to all our bub. jeds in general, we will gibe command, that they all bebabe themf. ibes tobingly and friendly towards them; fo doing, undeubredly we tall unite all our meaner Subjects in labe to each other, and the our felbes be so much the

maze bappy.

This recolution of the Kings was immediately affented to, and put in execution. And from that day fortoard the Many's Binozed walked up and down fafe, and found friends and friendly Entertainment in all places where-Sceper they came. The Bing bimfelf, and bis Bobles obserbing the great Grabity of this Brock (by bim fuppoled to be utterly extinct) made Bellins Grandfon bis Counfeltoz; all the other Robles feeing this,entertained one, or more of the Mam's Bindred, to be always refiding in. oz near rheir own Lodgings. This familiari-As evil Com- tp with Bellins Bindged, bezought an alteration in the Bing and Lords; for they beretofore were wont to fare belicionily, and to feed on others forts of meats; also upon flight occasions to be cholerich and angry ; they now feeing the great temperance and meekness of their nem Sectates, began to feed more sparingly, and not of to many forts at one time; bolding this course a white, they found themfelbes net fo prene to choler or anger as before. The Bing obserbing this change not in bimielf only, but in all bis friends and Rebles, was willing to propagate it further; therefoze be by publich Preclamation, commanbed all bis Subjetts bigb and leto to intertain familiartry with the Mam's Bindred, also to take example by them, and follow their Infrudions in all things tending to anziery and lobe. Atis Pecclamatien was eractip obeped by the Commons in general, who ever after libed in fuch peace and lobe, as the like bath fearrely eber

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of King and People.

A POSTSCRIPT.

Friendly Reader,

IN the foregoing History, I have not in any wife deviated from my first intention, which was to frame a Second Part to the delightful Hiftory of Remard the Fox, which might yeild thee both pleasure and profit. If any one be offended, let his offence be to himself; my intent was not to give distaste but delight. Nor have I in the foregoing History let flip any Expressions tending to the vitiating, or debauching of Youth, but have rather couched my words fo, as the intelligent may be profited, and the difingenious not injured. Therefore I desire this my Labour may be as well taken as meant; If fo, I shall be encouraged to divulge a more serious peice, (not of Bealts, but of Men) fo foon as time and oppostunity will permit. Farewell.

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